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Long-time Tinian Municipal treasurer David Maratita passed away yesterday morning after collapsing in his office, Tinian

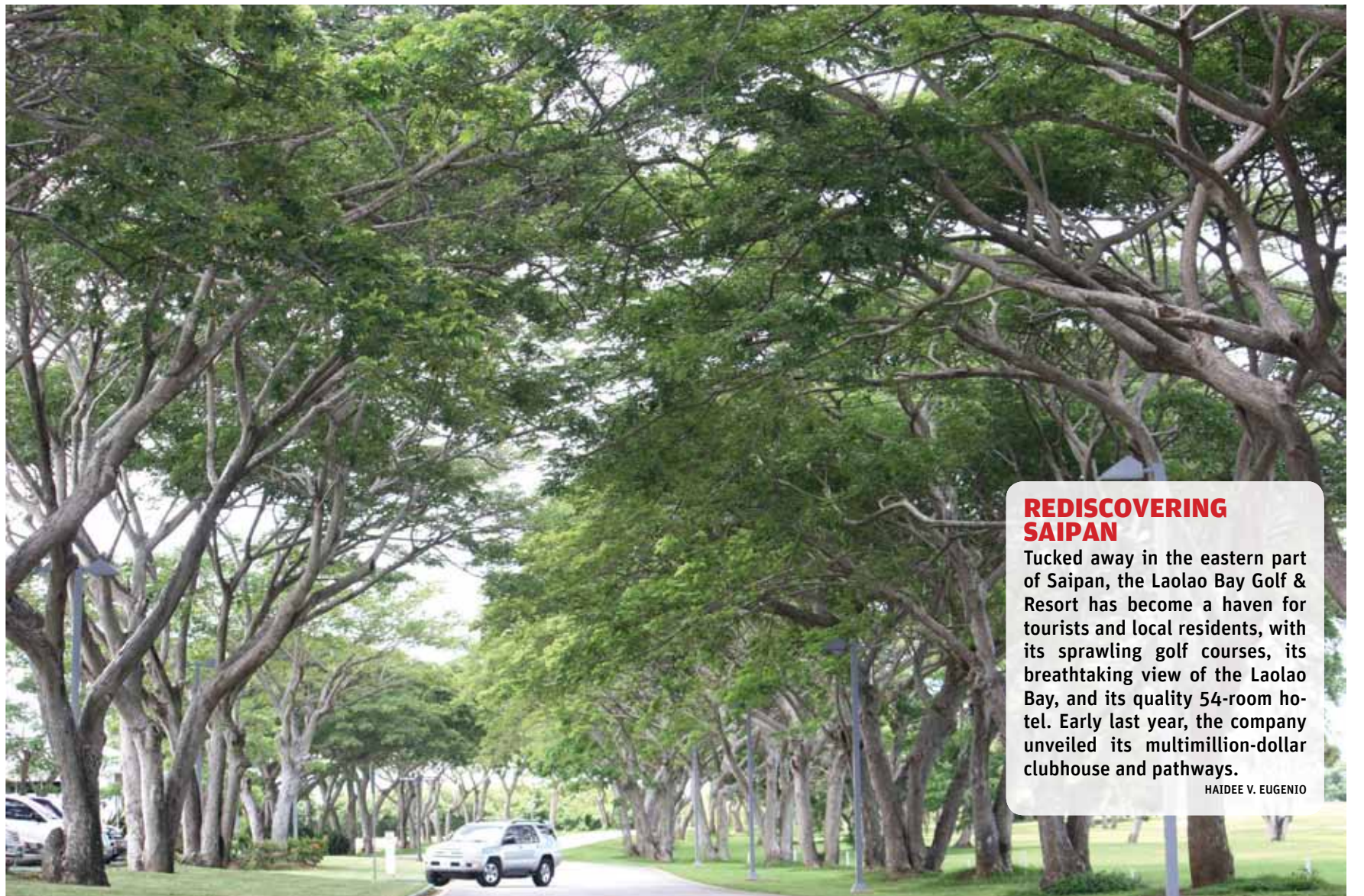
Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) separately said.

"He's a dedicated and hard-working individual. It's so

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Board of Regents chair Janet King and treasurer Frank Rabauliman were unanimously re-elected to their posts in a regular meeting held yesterday at the Northern Marianas College campus in As Terlaje.

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### REDISCOVERING SAIPAN

Tucked away in the eastern part of Saipan, the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort has become a haven for tourists and local residents, with its sprawling golf courses, its breathtaking view of the Laolao Bay, and its quality 54-room hotel. Early last year, the company unveiled its multimillion-dollar clubhouse and pathways.

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## Direct charter flights from Beijing begin

### » Century Tours eyes additional flights from Shanghai

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Direct charter flights from Beijing, China arriving in the CNMI last week and additional flights from Shanghai may soon

follow, according to Century Tours.

Century Tours Saipan and Guam manager Henry Pun said the Commonwealth has been welcoming more tourists from China since the middle of July.

He said the direct charter flights from Beijing began on July 15 and will last through the end of August. There is a possibility, though, that these flights will continue, pending the

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### » Senate president: Good for domestic travelers, CPA

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Effective Aug. 1, 2010, there will no

longer be parking fees at the Saipan Commuter Terminal.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority said this in a response letter yesterday to Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), who earlier asked for the suspension of the park-

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The nine students who completed yesterday the CNMI's Summer Pre-Law Program gather for a group photo with their professors, judges, and justices at the Supreme Court.

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#### NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 9:30 am at the CRM conference room, Spring Plaza, Chalan Lau Lau, Saipan.

#### AGENDA

##### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

##### II. PERMIT APPLICATION

- Triple J - 60 Three (3) Bedroom Apartment Building  
CRM Permit No. SMS-2010-X-062
  - Permit application/summary by CRMO
  - Discussion of permit application by CRM Agencies/CRMO
  - Application Status (CRM Agencies/CRM)

##### III. OTHER MATTERS

##### IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. [Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Agency Officials may vote to meet in executive session.

/s/ Rita C. Chong  
CRM Administrator

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 6:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan.

#### A. Preliminary Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes
- Communications
- Public Comments

#### B. Reports

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Administrator
- Committees
- Legal Counsel

#### C. Permits/ Applications/ Rezones: review and decide.

- None

#### D. Old Business.

- Update on Zoning Office Operations (Permit Processing, Enforcement, Junk Car Program)

#### E. New Business.

- Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. Conditional Permit #2008-1497 (Discussion on requested amendment)

#### F. Executive (Closed) Session

- Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Acting Chair, Zoning Board

## Nine finish NMI Judiciary's Summer Pre-Law Program

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Nine participants completed yesterday the CNMI's Summer Pre-Law Program, a three-week intensive program aimed at providing a preview of what law school is all about.

Associate Justice Alexandro Castro handed out certificates of achievement to participants during a ceremony at the CNMI Supreme Court. Also with Castro were associate justice John A. Manglona, and Superior Court judges Ramona V. Manglona, David A. Wiseman, and Perry B. Inos.

The nine program graduates are Mary Louise O. Deleon Guerrero of Boise State University; Frances T. Demapan of New York University; Aubry M. Hocog of the University of Guam; Jose P. Mafnas Jr. of Chaminade University of Honolulu; Oliver M. Manglona of St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Texas; former lawmaker Christina Marie E. Sablan of the College of Santa Fe, New Mexico; Antonina A. Senchenko of Khabarovsk State Technical University, Russia; Leila H. F. Staffler of Willamette University, Salem, Oregon; and Eulalia S. Villagomez of the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Robert Desiderio, former dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law, and professor Rose Cuison-Villazor of the Hofstra University School of Law served as instructors for the program.

Desiderio said he feels the utmost pride to see the nine participants finish the pre-law program and described it as his "little accomplishment" to see these program graduates eventually turn into lawyers.

Desiderio, who has previously taught in the program, thanked the people who worked behind the scenes to make the program work.

Villazor said she is very impressed with the nine graduates and encouraged them to pursue law school and come back to the CNMI.

In his remarks, Castro told the

graduates that both Desiderio and Villazor have given them the necessary tools to succeed in any law school.

"Some of you have already made up your mind to go to law school. I wish you luck and based upon your performance during the last three weeks I know you will make it," Castro said.

It was the late justice Ramon G. Villagomez who started the pre-law program in 1991.

Castro said the program would have been discontinued but for the dedication and hard work of Justice Manglona.

"This is the seventh time it's been conducted since 1991 and each year it gets harder to put together because of several factors. But that did not deter Justice Manglona from spearheading it again this year," Castro said.

Castro urged the graduates to remember the CNMI's forefathers who went through several "political super typhoons" before its people could reap the fruits of membership in the American political family.

"These fruits [freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom to peaceably assemble, and the freedom to petition our government for a redress of grievances] are the bedrock values of the American political system enshrined in the Covenant and the NMI Constitution. Our people, our Commonwealth, our government need you to go to law school and come back and defend these core values from tyranny and oppression," he said.

Frances Demapan said his father called from Louisiana early morning yesterday at least three to four times just to make sure she was prepared for the moot court competition.

"Joining this program really stretched my mind," Demapan said.

Oliver Manglona thanked his professors for making the experience worthwhile. "It was fun," Manglona said.

Christina Sablan expressed appreciation to her professors, Martha Mendiola of the Supreme Court and all the people behind such "a wonderful program."



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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION July 24, 2010

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. GPPC Inc.	03/19/2010 TMS-2010-X-031	Quarry Operation	Tinian	Major Sitting	Approved (07/14/2010)*
2. Department of Public Works	7/20/10 SSm-2010-X-063	Land Clearing	Obyan	Shoreline APC	Approved (07/20/2010)*
3. TD Amusement Inc.	07/14/10 SSm-2010-X-064	Carnival Rides	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Approved (07/20/2010)*
4. Good Day Coordinating	07/15/10 SSm-2010-X-65	Photographic Activities	Shoreline	Shoreline APC	Approved (07/20/2010)*
5. Tasi Tours & Transportation	07/20/10 SSm-2010-X-067	Building Renovations	Susupe	Shoreline APC	Approved (07/20/2010)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sittings. Public Hearings are required for all new major sitting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

# Lawmaker hits JGO panel for inaction on elected AG initiative

» Heated discussion at House session leads to 'do your job' remark

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A House session on Thursday bristled with tension after Rep. Frank Cruz (R-Saipan) expressed frustration and disappointment over the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations' inaction on his legislative initiative calling for the election of an attorney general.

Dela Cruz introduced House Legislative Initiative 17-2 on Jan. 28. Since then, it has been sitting at the House Committee

on JGO, chaired by Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan). As of Thursday, the committee has yet to act on it.

"Do your job," Cruz told Demapan during yesterday morning's special session of the House.

Demapan said Dela Cruz— and any House member— should write him a letter stating the intent of their legislation so that his committee can "expedite" the process of reviewing their bills or initiatives.

"To this date, I haven't received anything from you guys," Demapan told his colleagues—a remark that prompted a slew of critical comments from other lawmakers.

"Let me remind the JGO chairman that once a bill is in-

troduced, you could see in the legislative findings what the bill is all about. ... You want us to explain the bill further?... I challenge the chairman, whether he has received a report or letter from anyone... Let's stop this nonsense and do your job," Dela Cruz told Demapan.

Demapan, for his part, said lawmakers "cannot continue to pass unfunded bills."

He said as JGO Committee chairman, he needs his fellow House members' help in expediting actions on bills and initiatives.

"I'm new here," he added. Demapan is serving his first term as a House member.

House Minority Leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) said there's no requirement for

members to write a letter to any committee for action on their legislation.

Benavente, a former speaker and lieutenant governor, explained the process. He said once a bill or initiative is referred to a committee, that committee will have to ask the affected agency for cost analysis and other concerns. The committee may also call for a public hearing on the legislation.

"There are staff who can assist you in this process," he added.

Dela Cruz said a similar initiative was introduced as far

back as the 13th Legislature, and there are committee reports that are available for reference.

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) asked why previous Legislatures did not act on the initiative if it's an important one.

Dela Cruz said the question is "irrelevant." He said a recent Office of the Public Auditor report cited that the Office of the Attorney General—in a six-month period—didn't recover a single cent in misspent taxpayers' money that OPA reported as "potentially recoverable."

Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said Demapan's

committee should look into the bills and initiatives referred to it.

Dela Cruz's HLI 17-2 amends Article III, Section 11 of the CNMI Constitution to authorize the election of an attorney general.

Under his proposal, the election of an AG should coincide with general elections. He or she may not serve for more than two terms.

An elected AG would have a term of four years, and would have an annual salary of \$150,000.

Only Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) was absent at the session.

From left, Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan) look on during a special session of the House of Representatives on Thursday.

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## FOR ENFORCING UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS PROGRAM

### CNMI selected for National Success Story Award

The CNMI Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program has been selected and will be awarded the National Success Story Awards for 2010 by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs.

"Congratulations! On behalf of the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center, I am pleased to inform you that your territory has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2010 OJJDP Success Story Award" wrote Mary V. Gordon from UDETC in her e-mail to Criminal Justice Planning Agency executive director Jerome Jerome on Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

The award will be presented to CJPJA next month at the 2010 12th Annual National EUDL Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California during the closing plenary session on Aug. 20, 2010.

The CJPJA under the Office of the Governor is the designated state administering agency for EUDL program in the CNMI.

"I am pleased to share this national recognition and award with all of our EUDL hard-working partners, for their commitment and untiring efforts to enforce underage drinking laws and implement programs

here in the CNMI" said Jerome. "This is our justification to the Office of Justice Programs to showcase our territory's exceptional investment of federal dollars awarded to CNMI, and it will serve as a stepping stone to best practices and accountability recognition, and there is no better way to put the CNMI in the eyes of all 50 states and four other territories than this."

The CNMI Criminal Justice Planning Agency, along with all the other U.S. territories, first received EUDL grant funding in 2008 from the U.S. Department of Justice. This funding provided many resources to community awareness and supported numerous coordinated efforts of the CNMI law enforcement and prosecution to help curb the availability of alcohol to minors.

With the strong support of the CNMI Youth Advisory Council and the Juvenile Justice Task Force, the CNMI has been able to successfully implement the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws program in the past two years.

The effective implementation of this program has resulted in several successful youth and community prevention and outreach events as well as the

enforcement, citation, and arrest of individuals from non compliant establishments. All violators have been referred to the Attorney General's Office for prosecution.

CNMI law mandates that no person shall sell, give, serve, or permit his agent to sell, give, or serve any person who is under the age of 21 years and no person under the age of 21 years shall purchase, possess, or consume any alcohol beverage.

"I would like to thank and recognize Governor Fitial and Lt. Governor Inos, both current and past members of the CJPJA's Supervisory Council and Youth Advisory Council, for their guidance, leadership, and support. My extended congratulations to the EUDL Task Force and all the agencies and programs who made true sacrifices to push forward the successful implementation of the EUDL program in the past two years. This Award is your Success Story. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to dearly commend and recognize my CJPJA staff, especially our CNMI EUDL program coordinator Vincent N. Camacho Jr. for the courage and hard work to assure funding requirements are prioritized," Jerome said.

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### Notice of Availability for the Mariana Islands Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)

#### Record of Decision

After carefully weighing the operational and environmental consequences of the Proposed Action, the Department of Defense Representative Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau (DoD REP), announces his decision to support and conduct current, emerging and future military training and research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) activities in the Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC) while enhancing training resources through investment. Training and RDT&E activities are conducted by the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Air Force, Guam National Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard and other users based and deployed in the Western Pacific.

The Navy considered applicable Executive Orders, including an analysis of the environmental effects of its actions outside of the U.S. or its territories under the provisions of Executive Order 12114 (*Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*) and the requirements of Executive Order 12898 (*Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority and Low Income Populations*). The DoD REP has decided to implement the preferred alternative (Alternative 1), which is a proposal designed to meet the military services' current and foreseeable training requirements. Implementation of the preferred alternative could begin immediately.

The Record of Decision (ROD) has been distributed to individuals who requested a copy of the Final EIS/OEIS and agencies and organizations that received a copy of the Final EIS/OEIS. The full text of the ROD is available for public download at [www.MarianasRangeComplexEIS.com](http://www.MarianasRangeComplexEIS.com). Single copies of the ROD will be made available upon request by writing Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS/OEIS; Project Manager, Code EV21; Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific; 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100; Pearl Harbor, HI 96869-3134 or by e-mail at [marianas.tap.eis@navy.mil](mailto:marianas.tap.eis@navy.mil).

# Torres: DOI recommendation will 'destroy' CNMI

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Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) said the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendation to allow the granting of improved immigration status to some 20,000 nonresidents will destroy the CNMI.

Torres entered on official record his so-called "prayer" for the CNMI during a special session of the House of Representatives on Thursday.

"God protect the CNMI from de-

struction, annihilation, and eventual extinction due to DOI's recommendation to the U.S. Congress for instant citizenship to over 20,000 nonresident aliens that would outnumber, out-vote, and overrule the NMI indigenous on their own land," Torres said.

He added, "God protect the CNMI and the state of Arizona in their quest for self-governance. Amen."

Some House members do not agree with Torres's approach to the issue of immigration status of alien workers in the CNMI, while others echo his

concerns.

A draft House resolution asks U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife chair Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) to "reject" the Interior report and conduct hearings in the CNMI on the said report.

Torres also released the statement on the eve of a gathering of Carolinian members of the community today, to air their concerns on the Interior report.

The gathering is organized by the Carolinian Affairs Office, along with the Indigenous Affairs Office.

## 13 charges filed vs cop, woman in 'ice' trafficking case

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The Office of the Attorney General has filed 13 criminal charges against a suspected dealer of methamphetamine and a police officer who allegedly served as her driver while she peddled illegal drugs.

The OAG charged Belinda O. Omengkar with five counts of trafficking of a controlled substance, six counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance, and one count of conspiracy to commit trafficking of a controlled substance.

The OAG charged Police Officer I Florencio Q. Richards with three counts of trafficking of a controlled substance, three counts of illegal possession of controlled substance, one count of conspiracy to commit trafficking of controlled substance, and one count of carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol, narcotic, or disabling drugs.

Chief Prosecutor Michael L. Ernest stated in the charging information that Omengkar and Richards were found trafficking and possessing "ice" on July

12 and 15, 2010 on Saipan. Ernest said Richards was also found carrying a gun while under the influence of alcohol or narcotic.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos agreed to temporarily release Richards on a \$1,000 cash bail and \$9,000 unsecured bond.

Richards' common-law wife, Juliet I. Laniyo, was named as his third-party custodian.

Attorney Joseph James Norita Camacho served as court-appointed counsel for Richards.

## Tinian cop's co-defendant in 'ice' case pleads guilty

A co-defendant of a Tinian police officer in the distribution of methamphetamine or "ice" case entered a guilty plea in federal court yesterday.

Carlos Aldan, who appeared with court-appointed counsel Bruce Berline, pleaded guilty to two counts of distribution of a controlled substance.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Robert J. Bryan set Aldan's sentencing for Nov. 9, 2010 at 9am and ordered the U.S. Probation Office to prepare the pre-sentence investigation

Authorities arrested Omengkar and Richards on July 15.

Police said the CNMI Joint Drug Task Force received information that Omengkar, a known drug user and dealer, was in possession of and was trafficking "ice."

The task force placed Omengkar on surveillance and arrested her at the Garapan Fishing Base. Task force officers identified Omengkar's driver as Richards, who was at that time off duty. The officers allegedly found a .9mm pistol, believed to be a DPS-issued firearm, on the driver's side floor mat of the truck.

report by Oct. 5, 2010.

Aldan was allowed to remain free on bail until then.

His co-defendant, Tinian Police Officer 1 Gilbert Macaranas, has already pleaded guilty to distribution of a controlled substance. His sentencing is on Oct. 19, 2010 at 10am.

Macaranas, Aldan, and Henry M. San Nicolas were arrested last May during a joint anti-meth operation conducted by Tinian police and Drug Enforcement Administration. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## KING

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Five regents voted for King and Rabauliman: Andrew Orsini, Maria Paz Younis, Elaine Orilla, King, and Rabauliman. Regent Malua Peter was excused from the meeting, while Charles Cepeda resigned from the board last week.

The Board of Regents election was postponed last week because of the absence of two members.

Pursuant to board policy, a chairperson and treasurer must be elected every even-numbered years.

King was first elected to the board chairmanship in January 2010.

It was also at that time that former president Dr. Carmen Fernandez was suspended for three months and even-

tually fired in April this year.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to interview King but she referred this reporter's questions to NMC's interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, as the college official spokesperson.

King promised, however, that she will send *Saipan Tribune* comments about the goal of her new leadership.

Cabrera, for her part, vowed to collaborate with the board for the best interest of NMC.

"The management's expectation is just to work cooperatively with the board. The board members are my supervisors and they give me directions when it comes to policies. Anything [about] administration is my doing, and I would report to them that way. But when it comes to policies, if they have questions they direct it to me. In working with the leadership,

it's always been the same as I've been appointed...just maintaining a professional relationship and following our missions and making sure that our students are being served," Cabrera said.

The board began the meeting at 3:30pm yesterday and immediately went into executive session—a closed-door discussion. After two hours, the members emerged and immediately voted for chair and treasurer. They then agreed to adjourn the meeting.

At present, NMC is faced with 10 recommendations by the Western Association of School and Colleges and has only three months, or until Oct. 15, to submit corrective measures.

In 2008, NMC was cited for six areas of concern, which were all addressed and led to its reaffirmation in June 2009.

supposed to hold a budget meeting yesterday morning with departments and agencies on Tinian but this had to be postponed until further notice because of Maratita's passing.

Hofschneider, who is chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, said the Tinian leadership is intent on passing an operating budget every year.

The last time Tinian passed a local budget was in Fiscal Year 2006, when revenue from casino operation was at \$4.9 million.

In FY 2011, projected revenue is estimated at \$2.3 million, and this means Tinian may have to further cut its spending through work hour and salary cuts, among other things.

The mayor said he may have to reshuffle employees at the Municipal Treasury to fill in the position left vacant by Maratita's passing, instead of hiring a new treasurer, due to shortage of funding.

"It's been a struggle. Government revenue collection keeps going down, and costs continue to go up," Dela Cruz added.

Hofschneider, for his part, said he had known Maratita for years and his passing will be a big loss to Tinian.

"We certainly lost a respected official on Tinian. He had done a lot for the island," Hofschneider said.

The Tinian Legislative Delegation and the Tinian Municipal Council were

Carolinian Affairs executive assistant Angie Iginoef-Mangarero said yesterday that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is also expected to show up at the gathering.

The gathering will be held some two months after some indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians held a peaceful assembly on May 29 to show their opposition to the Interior report. Non-

residents also held a peaceful assembly showing support to the Interior report and recommendations. The Interior report, submitted to Congress in April, recommends five options that include granting long-term alien workers permanent residency, U.S. citizenship, or a status similar to those granted to citizens of the Freely Associated States.

## DPW waiting to proceed with final closure of PR landfill

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The Department of Public Works has yet to proceed with the Puerto Rico dump final closure project, months after the deadline of the longstanding administrative order of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

DPW Secretary Martin C. Sablan said the department is only waiting to hear from the Division of Procurement and Supply regarding the commencement of the project.

"Procurement will make the final determination as to how we're going to proceed with the project, whatever the case may be with the complaints and issues," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

One of the bidders for the project, GPPC, filed bid protests with the division and the Office of Public Auditor, citing that director Herman S. Sablan violated the CNMI Procurement Regu-

lations and the DPW's amended invitation for bids for the project when it received the bid for ITSI.

Both Sablan and Public Auditor Michael Pai denied GPPC's protests.

In April 2010, GPPC filed a lawsuit against government officials over procurement decisions made on the Puerto Rico dump final closure project through its counsel Mark B. Hanson.

The DPW secretary said they expect to hear from the Procurement and Supply Division by next month.

"As soon as we get a go [signal] from procurement, we want to proceed [with] this particular project," said Sablan.

The Puerto Rico dump stopped receiving garbage in 2003 when the \$10-million Marpi landfill opened.

The dump had been a source of water pollution for over 50 years on Saipan and its final closure is expected to significantly reduce its adverse impacts on the surrounding ocean ecosystem.

## FLIGHTS

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decision of Air China.

"There's possibility we can keep these flights...if we can find the right aircraft," he said.

Pun said the direct flights from Beijing use a B-777 and has a 320-seat capacity. Each flight has a load factor of 95 percent.

As of yesterday, three charter flights have already arrived from Beijing.

Besides these, Pun said the CNMI may soon accommodate additional charter flights from Shanghai.

"I believe they're still negotiating...but no final word yet to date.

But we're very optimistic on their decision," said Pun.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Air China has two regular flights from Shanghai to Saipan weekly with 222-seat capacity and has a load factor of 95 percent. Pun said two to three more flights with 222-seat capacity are being eyed for the CNMI.

Pun said more Chinese tourists are expected to visit the CNMI as they celebrate the national days of China, from Oct. 2 to 7.

"This is pretty good year...from our China market because we're seeing positive growth. It's a good sign and we're very optimistic with these additional flights," added Pun.

## PARKING

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ing fees at the commuter terminal due to inconvenience caused to motorists dropping off or picking up passengers and because the toll booth service costs to CPA have been exceeding the monthly revenue it has been generating.

"For CPA to say that there will no longer be fees, that's good news not only for domestic travelers but also for CPA because it's losing money for the parking system operations," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune*.

Edward M. Mendiola, acting executive director of CPA, told Manglona that the CPA board of directors decided to "terminate the parking lot charges at the Saipan Commuter Terminal."

This means that "airport patrons utilizing the commuter terminal will no longer have to pay a fee soon."

Mendiola's office clarified yesterday that the termination of parking fees will only be at the commuter terminal, and not at the Saipan International Airport.

CPA has a contract with POI Aviation for the management of the commuter terminal parking lot.

Mendiola said the Parking Lot Management Agreement requires CPA to provide a 60-day written notice to end the management agreement.

"This requirement had been satisfied; therefore, the commuter terminal parking lot will be open to the public free of charge beginning August 1, 2010," Mendiola told Manglona in a one-page letter.

The commuter terminal is used by passengers going to Rota and Tinian from Saipan.

"Without the toll booths and parking fees, people do not have to experience inconvenience as they pick up or drop off passengers at the domestic terminal," Manglona said in a phone interview.

In a July 14 letter to CPA, Manglona said the commuter terminal is used by passengers mostly as a drop-off and pick-up point and since the airline services do not require a two-hour check-in requirement or a security process through the Transportation Security Administration, "the idea of suspending the toll booth services seems practical."

The commuter terminal gives a grace period of 15 minutes and charges \$1 when the elapsed time between entry and exit exceeds the grace period for the first hour and an additional dollar for each additional hour or less.

The parking system at the commuter terminal dispenses a plastic card upon entry and the card is returned when exiting. The system reads the elapsed time between entry and exit and indicates the appropriate charge.

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unfortunate that he passed away so soon. He has contributed a lot to the municipality of Tinian," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview.

He said Maratita was undergoing hemodialysis treatment and had developed complications. The exact cause of death is still unknown.

Dela Cruz said Maratita was originally from Rota, and relocated to Saipan before calling Tinian home. He added that Maratita also used to be the head of the Division of Agriculture on Tinian.

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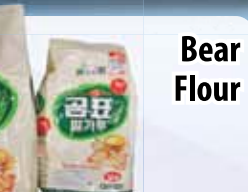
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### EDITORIAL

## Suicides, violence and drug abuse mark the strains of endless war

**O**n average, one U.S. soldier killed himself each day last month. That is the highest single-month suicide total reported by the U.S. Army since the Vietnam War ended more than 35 years ago.

It's also a symptom of a much larger problem.

The physical and emotional burden of fighting simultaneous wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has fallen disproportionately on too few American families. After nine years, the strain of near-constant deployment and redeployment is obvious.

Last year, for the first time in decades, the Army's suicide rate exceeded that of similar-age civilians. Six Missouri Army National Guard soldiers have committed suicide so far this year.

As for last month's toll, the 32 Army suicides mean that about as many U.S. soldiers died by their own hands as in combat in Afghanistan.

And that's only part of the story.

The grim statistics don't count veterans who already have returned home and separated from the service. Nor do they count Marines, sailors or airmen.

In 2008, an influential RAND Corp. report estimated that at least 300,000 troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress or major depression. That's roughly one in every five. People with such illnesses are at increased risk of suicide or violent behavior.

Military officials also are reporting high rates of alcohol and drug abuse. Divorce rates are up. So are rates of domestic violence and crime.

All of this has occurred even as the military has made a major effort to increase counseling for returning troops and to address the psychological needs of combat veterans.

But warrior culture, military culture, does not lend itself to such things.

The ideal is, and always will be, the tough soldier who ignores physical and emotional injuries as he presses ahead with his mission.

Faced with an entrenched enemy, military commanders of the 18th century often recruited what was called a "forlorn hope" to lead the assault. Think of it as a suicide squad.

The members of the squad went in first, fighting until victory was achieved or reinforcements arrived.

When you think about it, that's a little like how the all-volunteer military works. Except that instead of sending them once into the breach, we've sent them three and four and five and six times.

Now we must be the reinforcements.

U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., a member of the Armed Services Committee, wants to allow service members to receive confidential counseling. That's an important step that would allow some troubled service members to talk about their problems without sacrificing their careers.

McCaskill also is supporting legislation that would allow therapists to be embedded with National Guard units so that they would be available to anyone who needs help in the combat zone.

The military and the VA are facing shortages of psychiatrists and therapists, as are civilian health care providers. Those shortages must be addressed as part of a national physician work force development policy.

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## The liberal roadblocks to shrinking government

By KEVIN FERRIS  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

**W**illiam Voegeli has bad tidings for advocates of limited government and low taxes: There is no endgame when it comes to the liberal agenda.

If tomorrow, liberals in Congress, state legislatures, and town councils all across the nation raised taxes and increased spending in order to fund every single item on every special-interest wish list, would social-justice nirvana have arrived? No.

Within hours, some liberal would find an unmet need — perhaps a champagne shortage due to the previous day's celebrations — that only a new government program could address.

It gets worse: Voegeli says that despite conservatives' good-faith efforts to halt or reverse the growth of government, those attempts have been largely ineffective.

None of this will be news to tea partiers or like-minded folks. Maybe they haven't expressed these concerns as eloquently and authoritatively as Voegeli does in his new book, "Never Enough: America's Limitless Welfare State," but they have long understood the sentiment. In fact, the book's explanation for how America got to this point is in sync with the concerns raised regularly at tea parties.

"Liberalism's irrepressible drive for an ever larger welfare state without limit arises from at least two premises upon which the left no longer reflects: the elevation of compassion to a political principle (albeit with other people's money), and the erosion of meaningful constitutional limits on government on account of the imperatives of the idea of Progress," Steven F. Hayward says in the foreword.

Voegeli follows up: "(B)ecause compassion is an emotional response rather than a moral principle, it defeats every attempt to make wise choices about which sufferers do and don't deserve governmentally dispensed solace."

A benefit might begin for Americans at or below the poverty level. But then what of those just above the poverty level? How can we exclude them? If the criterion is compassion, on what grounds do you stop expanding a program? 200 percent of the poverty level? 300?

Of course, the more people covered, the larger the constituency for continuing the program.

And don't even think of cutting the program's budget. Even talk of slowing its growth will be met with howls of outrage. Republicans learned this lesson with Medicare in the 1990s — and turned the tables in the recent health-care debate.

Welfare-state godfather Franklin Roosevelt once suggested that

failed programs could be shut down, but that has never happened, Voegeli says.

"There is not one clear instance of a welfare state program that liberals by consensus came to regard as a failure, to be frankly admitted and abandoned," he writes.

Even under Ronald Reagan, who scaled back government somewhat, spending on what Voegeli terms "human resources" grew 0.90 percent. That's far less than under most presidents, but still an increase.

"Reagan's 'triumph' was to yield ground more slowly than any other political leader in the battle that conservatives consider their central mission," Voegeli writes.

Reagan learned that Americans really like those programs they complain about funding. So a Crazy Eddie libertarian approach to government — "Everything must go!" — isn't likely to be successful at the polls.

"In exchange for a lottery player's chance at wiping it out entirely, such conservatives forfeit any prospect of placing the welfare state on sounder footing, financially, functionally, or philosophically," Voegeli says. Thus liberals "will have the unfettered ability to chart its future course."

I suspect that message might trouble some tea partiers who equate compromise with surrender or see almost all government programs as unconstitutional. But note that Voegeli isn't saying to give up the fight for liberty, self-government, or free markets. He's just saying that not all fights rise to constitutional-crisis level, and that it's tough to fight when sidelined — as the GOP and conservatives are today in Washington.

It's especially important to get in the game now. Crippling deficits have the attention of Americans as never before, and many are open to a serious alternative to the nation's unsustainable fiscal course. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., has one, the Road Map for America's Future ([www.americanroadmap.org](http://www.americanroadmap.org)), a comprehensive approach to entitlement, budget, spending, and tax reform. The safety net he outlines is different from the current one, but it doesn't bankrupt the country. The Congressional Budget Office said the plan would "make the Social Security and Medicare programs permanently solvent (and) lift the growing debt burden on future generations ..."

The "Never Enough" crowd naturally doesn't want the limits that Ryan proposes. That's enough of an endorsement for me.

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## US, China still have a lot to learn about each other

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**T**he fates of the United States and China have become linked in ways no one could have imagined 30 years ago.

The two countries' economies have become so intertwined that historian Niall Ferguson has coined the term Chimerica. We buy China's goods, and the Chinese funnel billions of dollars back to support our deficit. They are a fast-rising power whose cooperation we need.

Yet Chinese and American images of each other are frequently negative or misconstrued, and such misunderstandings can endanger relations. That was the theme of a fascinating conference I just attended in Washington, titled "The U.S. and China: Mutual Public Perceptions," sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center's Kissinger Institute. The co-sponsor was the Center for U.S.-China Relations at Beijing's premier Tsinghua University, and the invitees included top Chinese experts on our country.

The conference concluded that both governments want to keep their relations stable, despite U.S. fears of a future Chinese threat and Chinese paranoia that we want to curb their rise. But to maintain that stability, Americans need to learn a whole lot more about China, and Chinese leaders need to know more about how American society works.

According to Chinese scholars at the conference, the image of the United States in China improved markedly after 2005 (post-Iraq invasion) and after the election of President Obama. Yet Chinese polls show that, while 41.6 percent of Chinese thought the United States was wealthy and powerful in 2003, only 27.6 percent thought

so in 2009. (Chinese statistics are dicey, as there is no equivalent of Gallup; scholars rely heavily on one private polling agency, which takes samples only in urban areas.)

The scholars felt that ordinary Chinese, especially young people, are more knowledgeable about the United States than their American counterparts are about China. There are 400 million Chinese Internet users, many of whom know how to evade government fire walls and access translation software to read English. Young Chinese are also familiar with American films and TV shows.

Moreover, about 100,000 Chinese students study in the United States yearly, with numbers in the tens of thousands since the late 1980s. This has created a large body of returnees with knowledge of American life.

However, hardly any of China's top leaders have ever lived in the United States or gained a grasp of Washington politics, small-town America, and the workings of civil society. This can create official (and military) paranoia about U.S. public or governmental attitudes toward China and the reasons behind U.S. actions. Such misperceptions can be dangerous, especially as Beijing tries to define its role as a rising force in the global arena, and perceives U.S. power to be on the wane.

On the U.S. side, both Chinese and American conferees worried that U.S. attitudes toward China gravitate between extremes: focusing wholly on the negative—such as Chinese human-rights violations or currency manipulation—or uncritically praising China's amazing economic growth.

Most Americans are unaware of how swiftly Chinese society is changing—with personal freedoms expanding, though still limited—or of the huge economic problems China still faces. A December 2009 survey by the Pew Center for the People and the Press shows that a little more than half of Americans fear China, while 44 percent believe Beijing is already the world's leading economic power, compared with 27 percent who (correctly) name the United States.

Noted journalist James Fallows, who spent three years in China, said U.S. coverage of China fails to communicate the country's "diversity, scale, chaos, and huge variety." China's reality, he says, "is so fast-changing it can't be fully conveyed." Since most Americans don't know Chinese, they can't pursue that reality via Chinese websites. Chinese popular culture—still curbed by censors—has roused little interest here.

One key antidote to misperceptions would be more personal contact at the popular and official levels, including a revival of military-

to-military exchanges that China recently suspended.

In November in Shanghai, President Obama pledged to send 100,000 American students to China over the next four years, up from around 13,000 yearly at present. There's no sign yet he's found a way to encourage U.S. colleges and high schools to meet the target. But that certainly would be a good start.

## Alcohol, the good side

By **STANTON PEELE**

Los Angeles Times



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**A**s California contemplates legalizing the sale of marijuana, the real war over intoxicants in this country is, as always, over alcohol.

Since Prohibition ended in 1933 with the 21st Amendment to the Constitution—which repealed the 18th Amendment authorizing the ban on alcohol—states, counties and municipalities have see-sawed back and forth over alcohol sales. States are still passing laws on the sale of alcohol on Sundays, and municipalities and counties are still voting on whether to permit local alcohol purchases.

But as an addiction psychologist and alcohol epidemiologist, I am more interested in another debate over alcohol: whether it can be good for you. This issue arises every five years as the United States issues new dietary guidelines, including for alcohol consumption. In 1990, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans firmly declared that alcohol "has no net health benefit, is linked with many health problems, is the cause of many accidents and can lead to addiction. Their consumption is not recommended."

But in 1995, based on the results of studies identifying subjects who drank and did not drink and then following their health outcomes over time, the guidelines modestly declared—amid a sea of information about the dangers of drinking—that "alcoholic beverages have been used to enhance the enjoyment of meals by many societies throughout human history" and that "current evidence suggests that moderate drinking ... is associated with a lower risk for coronary heart disease in some individuals."

A firestorm resulted over these words, led by the late Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., a notorious teetotaler. Somehow, the section came through intact, to the amazement of a member of the committee writing the guidelines, Marion Nestle, then-chairwoman of the Department of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health at New York University. "It's a miracle, a miracle," she told the New York Times. "It is a triumph of science and reason over politics. The committee process was very contentious, but the outcome makes the fuss seem worthwhile."

Well, the same forces are back doing battle for the 2010 edition of the guidelines. In the intervening years, quite a bit of evidence has accumulated to take the statement of alcohol's benefits even further. The 2010 guidelines' alcohol section group is headed by epidemiologist Eric Rimm of Harvard Medical School, where he is a co-director of the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study that has tracked doctors' and nurses' health outcomes and drinking for decades. But the opposition this time around is not teetotaler Southern politicians.

According to the experts charged with creating the alcohol section, strong evidence indicates that "the lowest mortality risk for men and women (occurs) at the average level of one to two drinks per day, (and) is likely due to the protective effects of moderate alcohol consumption on CHD (coronary heart disease), diabetes and ischemic stroke as summarized in this chapter."

In other words, people who have a couple of drinks daily live the longest! Adding what for some is insult to injury, the group also noted: "Moderate evidence suggests that compared to non-drinkers, individuals who drink moderately have a slower cognitive decline with age." Moderate drinkers not only live longer, they are more alert while doing so!

Despite these proposed additions to the guidelines, the overwhelming burden of the alcohol section is to portray the negative health, psychological and addictive effects of alcohol. But this has not been enough to avoid a sharp blowback from medical, public health and addiction professionals, who have started a campaign to limit these recommendations out of a fear their impact "would likely be to encourage greater daily consumption of alcohol, discourage appropriate caution about using alcohol for health benefits, and open the door for the alcohol industry to misrepresent federal alcohol consumption guidelines to consumers."

And so it goes—the war over alcohol in America continues ad infinitum.

## Saddam Hussein: Gone but not forgotten

By **KHALDON HAMID**

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**TIKRIT, Iraq**—Anger at the arrest of a well-known imam for scrawling pro-Saddam Hussein graffiti in the former dictator's hometown of Tikrit reflects Saddam's lingering popularity among local people.

Imam Jumaa Issa Khalaf was detained on July 6 for allegedly spray-painting "(Saddam) is a hero to Arabs and Islam" and "Saddam's mosque" on the walls of Tikrit's main mosque. The vandalism came one day after provincial officials ordered the mosque's name to be changed from Great Saddam's Mosque to Great Tikrit Mosque.

Tikrit, 160 miles northwest of Baghdad, is the former stronghold of Saddam and his powerful Sunni tribe that became the political foundation of his 35 years in power.

Khalaf, 54, was born and raised in Tikrit and served as a brigadier-general in Saddam's personal staff before joining the clergy after the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. He is known as an outspoken critic of the U.S. occupation and was jailed for two months by American forces in 2005.

"The imam is one of the most high-profile figures in the city," said Col. Mohammed Aziz al-Jebori of the Tikrit police. "Locals here respect him. We knew that, but we were ordered to arrest him." According to Jebori, Khalaf remains in custody on charges of defacing religious property. No date has been set for his trial.

Supporters of the jailed cleric have called the detention an abuse of human rights and worry he may not receive a fair trial.

"This is not the first time my father has been arrested on weak

pretences," said Khalaf's son, Mohammed, 25, who added that his father is a member of good standing in the Association of Muslim Scholars in Iraq. "In the past, he has been accused of links with terrorists. All his legal problems come from the fact that he is pro-Saddam."

Many locals have complained that the arrest is a violation of Khalaf's right to freedom of expression. Officials have denied the accusation, citing the laws protecting public and religious properties. It is also illegal in Iraq to promote the outlawed Baath party once led by Saddam, although no such charges have yet been filed against Khalaf.

"I am calling on the police and the government to release our imam immediately. The Americans and their allies crossed the seas to come to Iraq to bring what they call 'freedom' and 'democracy.' So where is this holy man's right to express his thoughts freely?" said Hasan al-Jebori, 43, a laborer in Tikrit.

Shopkeeper Ibrahim Kareem, 54, pointed out that the mosque was built by Saddam, giving him the right to have his name on it. The mosque, inaugurated in 2002, includes a religious school for children.

"Look at it this way, since 2003 no city or government official has bothered to build us even one new mosque. Why did they change the name of the old mosque? Is this the best they can do?" Kareem said.

But some feel the religious leader's actions were a betrayal of his role as a community leader.

"The imam expressed himself in a violent manner. I think he could have made his point by holding a demonstration or a sit-in as they do in modern, democratic countries," said Jalil al-Tikriti, 39, a Tikrit municipality employee.

Cabdriver Jabbar Ahmed, 38, applauded local officials for their action, but pointed out that one arrest will do little to diminish Saddam's lingering popularity in Tikrit.

"Even though Saddam is dead, the people in this city still love him. They are his relatives and tribesmen. Saddam was Iraq's president and an Arab leader for 35 years; this is our history and it won't be forgotten just because he is gone," said Ahmed.

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## SUICIDES

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But that's going to take time; the problem for returning service men and women is acute now. All indications are that it will remain acute for the foreseeable future—long after the shooting stops in Iraq and Afghanistan.






We sent those young people into harm's way. We have a moral obligation to address the physical and mental problems their service created.

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
				
Rain and drizzle in the afternoon. East winds 9 to 14 mph.	A bit of morning rain	Partly sunny, showers around	Rather cloudy, a little rain	Breezy with rain
▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼76°	▲87° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼78
Palau	Rain	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼75
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85 ▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲88 ▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲85 ▼78

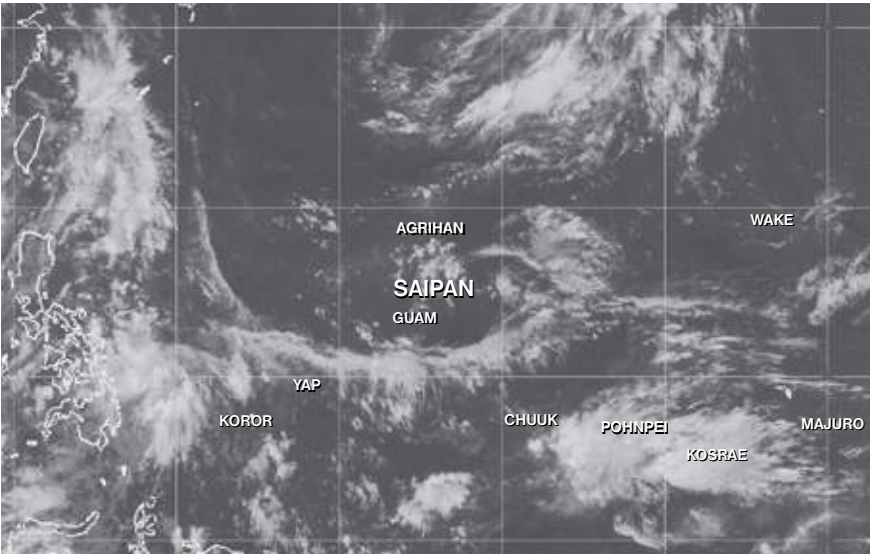
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Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲89 ▼73
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Manila	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼77
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Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼56
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲80 ▼74
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲89 ▼68
Salem	Sunny	▲94 ▼60
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼74
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼78
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲102 ▼84

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:30 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	
5:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
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### Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends south-southwest from near 25N150E to an upper low centered about 170 miles east of Saipan at 15N148E. A tutt extends east-northeastward from 15N148E passing over Wake island and the date line near 25N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of the trough axis north of Yap between 10N and 12N from 130E to 153E. Trade-wind convergence is creating showers and isolated thunderstorms near Kosrae and Pohnpei within 150 miles of a line from 5N153E to 5N167E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:57 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Wednesday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:27 PM	4:05 AM
Sunday	6:12 PM	4:58 AM
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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM				GUAM-ROTA (ROP)			
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA				NAGOYA-SAIPAN			
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BEIJING				BEIJING-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	Daily
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	Daily	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL630/641	6:30am	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/703	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:30pm	10:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota							
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily				
Rota-Guam							
FRE 100	10:20	10:45	Daily				
Saipan-Rota							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily				
Rota-Guam							
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily				
Saipan-Tinian							
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily				
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily				
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily				
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily				
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Schedule of Religious Services										
CATHOLIC										
<b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm										
<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm										
<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am Monday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm Saturday: 6am and 6pm										
<b>Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish</b> Wednesday Mass: 6pm First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm Saturday Mass: 6pm Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am										
<b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm										
<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Tuesday and Friday: 6pm										
<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am and 8am Monday-Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6pm										
<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am and 10am Monday-Wednesday: 7pm Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm										
<b>San Jose (Oleai) Parish</b> Sunday: 6am and 7:30am Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm										
<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 9am Wednesday: 6pm Saturday: 10:30am										
<b>San Vicente Parish</b> Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm Monday-Saturday: 6pm										
<b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 7:30am Tuesday: 6pm Saturday: 10am-Baptism										
<b>Santa Soledad</b> Sunday: 7:30am										
PROTESTANT										
<b>Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan</b> Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm										
<b>Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm										
<b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm										
<b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Worship/Study Opportunities Adult Sunday School: 9am Youth Sunday School: 9am English Worship Service Sunday: 10am Sunday Service: 5:30pm Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm; Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm Mid-week Service: 7:30pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm										
<b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Vicarage, Chalan Lamlau, Call 235-0545 for directions										
<b>Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan</b> Worship Service: 9am GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am Sunday: 7am Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm										
<b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)										
<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158										
<b>Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)</b> Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal										
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)										
<b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> English Service: 9-11am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday										
<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 8:20am Sunday Adult: 10am Sunday Adult: 11:30am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm										
<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)										
<b>Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan</b> English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm										
<b>Missions Connection Ministry</b> Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm										
<b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620										
<b>Saipan Bible Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30-10am Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm										
<b>Saipan Christian Church</b> Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)										
<b>Saipan Church of Christ</b> Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 6pm Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm										
<b>Saipan Community Church</b> (Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm										
<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan</b> (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm										
<b>First Baptist Church</b> (Formerly Saipan Baptist Church) Afetna St., San Antonio Sunday <table><tr><td>9am</td><td>Sunday school</td></tr><tr><td>10am</td><td>Regular worship</td></tr><tr><td>6pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Wednesday <table><tr><td>7pm</td><td>worship</td></tr></table> Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. Mclure at 234-1939/235-7779.			9am	Sunday school	10am	Regular worship	6pm	worship	7pm	worship
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7pm	worship									
<b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center</b> Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism										
<b>Upper Room International Ministries</b> Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer <table><tr><td>7am-9am</td><td>English service</td></tr><tr><td>7am-9am</td><td>Sunday school</td></tr><tr><td>10am-12noon</td><td>English service,</td></tr></table> Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan			7am-9am	English service	7am-9am	Sunday school	10am-12noon	English service,		
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<b>Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church</b> Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S										

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 24, 2000

### Ban reentry of deportees

In an effort to compel overstaying aliens in the CNMI to choose to voluntarily leave the islands, the Senate has passed legislation seeking to bar reentry for those deported by the Department of Labor and Immigration. SB 12-2 will amend existing deportation laws to punish aliens who, despite their expired entry permits or improper documents, opt to stay in the Commonwealth. A permanent ban on their re-entry into the CNMI will serve as deterrent to those who continue to violate the laws, according to the bill’s sponsor Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes. “The objective is to have these overstaying aliens avoid the consequence of being deported and instead choose voluntary departure,” he said.

### DEQ gets grant to deal with PCB problems

The Division of Environmental Quality’s application for an Environmental Justice Grant has been approved, paving the way for the implementation of a community-based program, which will deal primarily with the problems surrounding the high levels of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in Tanapag. According to the project proposal submitted by US Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Specialist Kimiko Link, the Tanapag community will receive \$20,000 for the establishment of the Tanapag Action Center. This is the first time that DEQ tapped the Environmental Justice Grant, which aims at ensuring fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, ethnic origin or socio-economic groups in connection with the implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

July 24, 2001

### Land crabs don’t pose health risks

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry has determined that the level of PCB detected on Tanapag land crabs is too low to cause health problems. Although the elevated levels of PCB do not appear to be a health hazard, the agency underscored that people can be exposed to small amounts of the toxic substance from eating land crabs. In a health consultation report released recently, ATSDR affirmed that PCB exposure from eating land crabs is “quite meager” to cause harmful effects, even to sensitive groups like children. The agency made the determination based on a comparison of estimated exposures to conservative health guidelines and the toxicological and epidemiological literature.

### MVA woos Chinese carrier to serve Saipan

Tourism officials are courting the China Southern Airlines to provide nonstop service between the country and Saipan, to accommodate the increasing number of CNMI-bound Chinese travelers. Marianas Visitors Authority officials are scheduled to fly to China next month for a goodwill visit. Officials are also expected to meet with travel agents in the country. In an interview, MVA Board Chair Dave M. Sablan disclosed plans to tap the assistance of the China Southern Airlines and open negotiations for a possible direct flight between China and Saipan.

July 24, 2002

### Rota backs Verizon sale to Citadel

Witnesses overwhelmingly came out in support of the sale of Verizon Pacifica to Pacific Telecom Inc. during Monday’s public hearing on Rota. About 30 people converged at Room A-1 of the Northern Marianas College-Rota campus Monday evening, with Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission chairman Norman Tenorio presiding over the public hearing. Rota Mayor Benjamin Manglona expressed conviction that Pacific Telecom is “the perfect company to take over Verizon” and urged the CNMI government to give it a chance to run the local exchange carrier.

### House hikes jackpot tax to 20 percent

Unlike the proposed hike on user’s fee, the suggested increase in the jackpot tax from 10 to 20 percent sailed through the House of Representatives on a unanimous vote during yesterday’s session. The proposal to increase the tax on gaming machine jackpots, together with the suggested 1.3 percent hike in the user’s fee, comprises the two revenue-generating measures on which the passage of the \$213-million budget for Fiscal Year 2003 hinges. The Legislature had agreed to pass the budget at the level submitted by Gov. Juan N. Babauta, in exchange for the passage of the user’s fee hike and the jackpot tax hike, which are both seen as measures that would guarantee the generation of revenues enough to meet the Governor’s goal.

# Business

## Checks are coming: Obama inks unemployment measure

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal checks could begin flowing again as early as next week to millions of jobless people who lost up to seven weeks of unemployment benefits in a congressional standoff.

President Barack Obama on Thursday signed into law a restoration of benefits for people who have been out of work for six months or more. Congress approved the measure earlier in the day. The move ended an interruption that cut off payments averaging about \$300 a week to 2 1/2 million people who have been unable to find work in the aftermath of the nation’s long and deep recession.

At stake are up to 73 weeks of federally financed benefits for people who have exhausted their 26 weeks of state jobless benefits. About half of the approximately 5 million people in the program have had their benefits cut off since its authorization expired June 2.

They are eligible for lump-sum retroactive payments that are typically delivered directly to their bank accounts or credited to state-issued debit cards. Many states have encouraged beneficiaries to keep updating their paperwork in hopes of speeding payments once the

program was restored.

In states like Pennsylvania and New York, the back payments should go out next week, officials said. In others, like Nevada and North Carolina, it may take a few weeks for all of those eligible to receive benefits.

Thursday’s 272-152 House vote sent the bill to the White House.

“Americans who are fighting to find a good job and support their families will finally get the support they need to get back on their feet during these tough economic times,” Obama said in a statement issued after signing the measure.

The House action came less than 24 hours after a mostly party-line Senate vote Wednesday on the measure, which is just one piece of a larger Democratic jobs agenda that has otherwise mostly collapsed after months of battles with Republicans.

The measure is what remains of a Democratic effort launched in February to renew elements of last year’s economic stimulus bill. But GOP opposition forced Democrats to drop \$24 billion to help state governments avoid layoffs and higher taxes, as well as a package of expired tax cuts and a health insurance subsidy for the unemployed.

## Northwest Airlines didn’t follow safety orders—IG

WASHINGTON (AP)—For more than a decade, Northwest Airlines repeatedly failed to follow federal safety orders but wasn’t held accountable by the Federal Aviation Administration, according to a government report.

The report by the Transportation Department’s inspector general’s office confirmed many of the allegations brought by a whistleblower in 2005 and again in 2008 of a cozy relationship between FAA managers and the airlines they are charged with inspecting.

FAA inspector Mark Lund charged that FAA managers at the safety office that oversaw Northwest routinely allowed the airline to avoid penalties or fines by voluntarily disclosing failures.

In response, the FAA headquarters initiated a national review of safety order compliance at major airlines in 2008 that found 14 instances in a four-month period in which Northwest didn’t complied with safety orders, one of the highest of all the airlines reviewed, the IG report said.

The failure to comply with FAA safety orders continued even after FAA’s review, the report said. There were eight more instances in which Northwest didn’t carry out safety orders

in the budget year ending on Sept. 30 2009, the report said. The FAA office overseeing the airline closed five of those cases without recommending penalties or fines.

In one of those cases, Northwest had to ground 27 planes because they hadn’t inspected landing gear parts as required by a safety order. The inspections were intended to prevent the main landing gear from separating from the wing and possibly rupturing a fuel tank, the report said.

Given that the problems have continued, “the status of Northwest’s compliance with more than 1,000 (safety orders) is unknown,” the IG report said.

The IG report is dated Dec. 7, 2009. It was released this week by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, which handles federal whistle-blower complaints.

Northwest merged with Delta Air Lines last year, creating the world’s largest airline. It now flies as Delta.

“We are currently reviewing the documents and, as always, we will fully cooperate with the government agencies to ensure our core values of safety, quality and compliance are not compromised,” Delta spokesman Anthony Black said.

# Nation

## Key ships ordered to leave spill site before storm

**ON THE GULF OF MEXICO** (AP)—Key ships stationed over BP's crippled well in the Gulf of Mexico were ordered to evacuate Thursday ahead of Tropical Storm Bonnie, and engineers have grown so confident in the leaky cap fixed to the well head that they will leave it closed while they are gone.

Tropical Storm Bonnie, which blossomed over the Bahamas and was to enter the Gulf of Mexico by the weekend, could delay by another 12 days the push to plug the broken well for good using mud and cement, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen and BP officials conceded. Even if it's not a direct hit, the rough weather will push back efforts to kill the well by at least a week.

"While this is not a hurricane, it's a storm that will have probably some significant impacts, we're taking appropriate cautions," Allen said in Mobile, Ala.

Allen issued the order Thursday night to begin moving dozens of vessels from the spill site, including the rig that's drilling the relief tunnel engineers will use to permanently throttle the free-flowing crude near the bottom of the well. Some vessels

could stay on site, he said.

"While these actions may delay the effort to kill the well for several days, the safety of the individuals at the well site is our highest concern," he said in a statement.

A week of steady measurements through cameras and other devices convinced Allen they don't need to open vents to relieve pressure on the cap, which engineers had worried might contribute to leaks underground

and an even bigger blowout. The cap was attached a week ago, and only minor leaks have been detected.

Allen said earlier in the day that evacuating the vessels could leave the well head un-

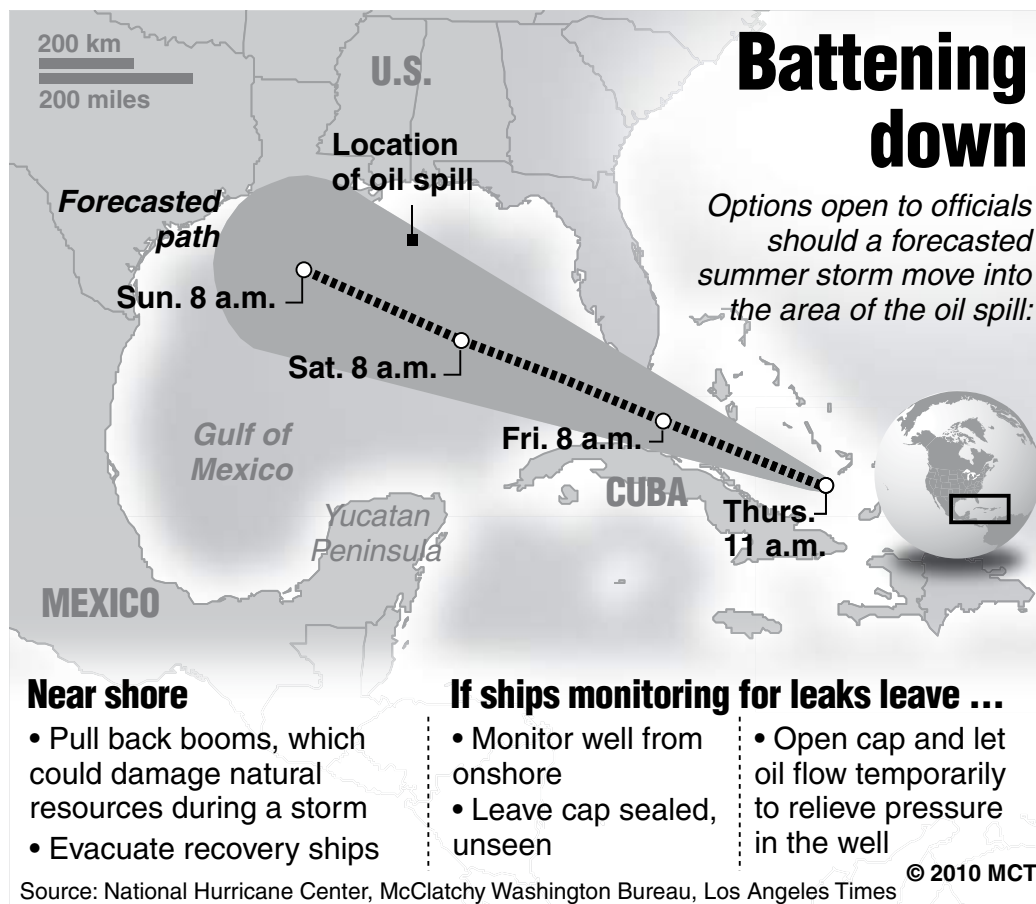
monitored for up to a few days. He said he ordered BP to make sure that the ships carrying the robotic submarines watching the well are the last to leave and the first to return.

It was unclear Thursday night whether some of the vessels would go back to port or head further south in the Gulf out of the path of the storm and await orders once the storm passes. The Coast Guard cutter Decisive, the hurricane guard for the vessels at the spill site, was awaiting instructions. In an evacuation, the Decisive is the

last vessel to leave the area.

Bonnie caused flooding in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti before reaching tropical storm strength later Thursday, and Allen said crews expected sustained wind above 39 mph at the spill site by early Saturday.

Seas already were choppy in the Gulf, with waves up to five feet rocking boats as crews prepared to leave, and more of the smaller boats involved in the coastal cleanup were called into port, Coast Guard Rear Adm. Paul Zukunft said.



Source: National Hurricane Center, McClatchy Washington Bureau, Los Angeles Times

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## Sherrod gets biggest 'I'm sorry'—from Obama

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Flooded with apologies from everywhere, Shirley Sherrod got the biggest "I'm sorry" of all Thursday—from a contrite President Barack Obama, who personally appealed to the ousted worker to come back.

Sherrod, who was forced to resign on Monday because of racial comments she made at an NAACP gathering, was asked by Obama to rejoin the federal government and transform "this misfortune" into a chance to use her life experiences to help people, said White House press secretary Robert Gibbs.

Obama had stayed out of the public brouhaha that followed Sherrod's ouster from the Ag-

riculture Department after a conservative blog posted a clip of the black woman's comments and portrayed her as racist. Once it became clear that the speech in question was advocating racial reconciliation, not racism, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack apologized to her and offered her a new job Wednesday. Gibbs also apologized publicly "for the entire administration."

Thursday morning, Obama spoke by phone with Sherrod and said he hoped she would accept Agriculture's offer of a new position, Gibbs said. He added

that Obama thought Sherrod was "very gracious."

Sherrod said she hadn't decided whether she would accept the invitation to come back, but she did accept the apologies.

As top government officials begged for her forgiveness, Sherrod did not shy away from telling her story on television. She hopped from net-

work to network, even chatting with the ladies of ABC's "The View" and letting CNN film part of her call with Obama as she traveled the streets of New York City in a car.

Even the president of the

United States had a hard time getting to Sherrod while she did interviews. Obama had tried to reach her twice Wednesday night but could not, said a White House official. She was on a plane traveling from Atlanta to New York, where she appeared on several morning shows.

The fracas started when Sherrod was forced to resign as Georgia's director of rural development Monday after a conservative blogger posted a video of her telling a crowd at a local NAACP meeting about her initial reluctance 24 years ago to help a poor white farmer seeking government assistance.



Sherrod

## Senate Democrats abandon comprehensive energy bill

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Senate Democrats on Thursday gave up plans to attempt to pass an energy bill that caps greenhouse gases blamed for global warming, abandoning a priority of President Barack Obama.

Obama had hoped to add a climate bill to the two biggest legislative successes of his presidency, a comprehensive health care bill and a broad reform of the U.S. banking and financial sector.

■ ■ ■ **WASHINGTON** (AP)—In a take-it-or-leave-it gesture, the Senate voted Thursday night to reject more than \$20 bil-

lion in domestic spending the House had tacked on to its \$60 billion bill to fund President Barack Obama's troop surge in Afghanistan.

Instead, the Senate returned to the House a measure limited chiefly to war funding, foreign aid, medical care for Vietnam War veterans exposed to Agent Orange, and replenishing almost empty disaster aid accounts.

The moves repel a long-shot bid by House Democrats earlier this month to resurrect their faltering jobs agenda with \$10 billion in grants to school districts to avoid teach-

er layoffs, \$5 billion for Pell Grants to low-income college students, \$1 billion for a summer jobs program and \$700 million to improve security along the U.S.-Mexico border.

■ ■ ■ Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said no Republican was willing to back a comprehensive energy bill, a development he called "terribly disappointing."

Democrats have been trying for more than a year to pass a plan that charges power plants, manufacturers and other large polluters for their heat-trapping carbon emissions, which contribute to global warming. The House

voted 219-212 last year for a "cap and trade" plan featuring economic incentives to reduce carbon emissions from power plants, vehicles and other sources.

Republicans slammed the bill as a "national energy tax" and jobs killer, arguing that the costs would be passed on to consumers in the form of higher electricity bills and fuel costs that would lead manufacturers to take their factories overseas. Moderate House Democrats who voted for the bill, particularly freshmen from Republican-leaning districts, are among the GOP's top takeover targets in the November election.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Judge hears arguments over Arizona immigration law

**PHOENIX** (AP)—The Arizona immigration law came under new legal scrutiny in a packed courtroom Thursday as a federal judge considered whether the crackdown should take effect next week amid a flurry of legal challenges. Judge Susan Bolton did not issue a ruling after two court hearings stemming from lawsuits brought against the law, which has reignited the national immigration debate. The hearings drew considerable interest as Republican Gov. Jan Brewer and the Justice Department's top lawyer in Arizona both attended, along with dozens of spectators. Several opponents of the law were arrested after they sat in the middle of a busy thoroughfare outside the courthouse and unfurled a massive banner that said "We will not comply." Bolton has been asked to block the law from taking effect as she hears several lawsuits that question the constitutionality of the measure.

#### FAA: 2 killed in Okla. medical helicopter crash

**KINGFISHER, Okla.** (AP)—A medical helicopter on its way to pick up a patient crashed in a central Oklahoma field Thursday night, killing two of three people on board, authorities said. The helicopter was en route from Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City to a hospital about 90 miles away in Okeene when it went down about 8 p.m. near Kingfisher, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford. Kingfisher is about 50 miles northwest of Oklahoma City. "Three people were on board, but one of them survived and is in the process of being airlifted back to Oklahoma City," Lunsford said. The Eurocopter AS350 helicopter is registered to Eagle

Med LLC in Wichita, Kan., according to FAA records. An Eagle Med spokesman didn't immediately return a call seeking comment late Thursday.

#### Police: NJ flasher blocked highway at rush hour

**MIDDLETOWN, N.J.** (AP)—A New Jersey woman is facing several charges after police say she blocked highway rush-hour traffic and began flashing passing drivers, then injured a state trooper who tried to stop her. Authorities say the trooper confronted 23-year-old Arika Felder of Plainfield at around 6 p.m. Tuesday after she parked her car across three northbound lanes of the Garden State Parkway in Middletown and got out of the vehicle. As the trooper approached, Felder ran to her car and drove off. She allegedly dragged him for about 20 yards, then crashed into a concrete barrier. The trooper suffered minor injuries.

#### Gay soldier from Calif. honorably discharged

**TUSTIN, Calif.** (AP)—A gay soldier from California says he's been honorably discharged from the Army National Guard under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Lt. Dan Choi, an Iraq war veteran from Orange County, was discharged from the New York Army National Guard on Thursday. He called the move "infuriating and painful." Choi announced he was gay on MSNBC's "The Rachel Maddow Show" more than a year ago. He had been waiting for military officials to decide whether he would be discharged. "Don't ask, don't tell" prohibits the military from asking about the sexual orientation of service members but requires discharge of those who acknowledge being gay or are discovered to be engaging in homosexual activity.

# Asia

## NKorea warns US drill, sanctions endanger region

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)**—North Korea on Thursday warned the United States that imposing fresh sanctions and holding military drills with South Korea this weekend will endanger the entire region and destroy hopes for a nuke-free Korean peninsula.

The remarks precede an Asian security meeting in the Vietnamese capital, Hanoi, on Friday, attended by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and the top diplomats from both Koreas four months

after the sinking of a South Korean warship that killed 46 sailors. The North has been blamed but denies responsibility.

"If the U.S. is really interested in the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, it should halt the military exercises and sanctions that destroy the mood for dialogue," North Korean spokesman Ri Tong Il told reporters on the sidelines of meetings Thursday.

Sanctions, he said, escalate the U.S.'s "hostile policy toward North Korea."

On Wednesday, Washington

announced it would impose new sanctions aimed at stifling the North's nuclear activities. Ri said any new sanctions would be in violation of a U.N. Security Council statement approved earlier this month that condemned the sinking but stopped short of directly assigning blame.

Regarding the naval drills the U.S. and South Korea plan this weekend, Ri told Yonhap news agency, "Such a move presents a grave threat to the peace and security not only to the Korean peninsula, but to the region."

## Friction among Afghans looms as challenge in south

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)**—Lt. Col. Abdul Hadi, a police commander in Kandahar city, is a burly, bearded man who speaks quickly and bluntly. And he didn't mince words during a meeting with a young U.S. Army officer overseeing an infusion of elite Afghan security forces in his district.

"Most of the people here, they wear turbans, but they are not Talib," Hadi said, using the singular for Taliban. "But they're being searched like they are Talibs."

Hadi's remarks point to a

dilemma for U.S. forces. Ordinary Afghan police are widely seen as corrupt and ineffective. But a U.S. plan to have the better trained Afghan National Civil Order Police, or ANCOP, take the lead in curbing violence in this Taliban stronghold of half a million people could risk alienating the ultimate prize—the residents.

Local police chiefs like Hadi resent the reinforcements, saying they're outsiders who don't know the people or the neighborhoods. And the residents are angry over searches and check-

points that make them feel as though they're the enemy.

Determined not to repeat the missteps of the operation in Marjah six months ago, when ANCOP units were thrown together and rushed into the fight with little experience working with their colleagues, U.S. commanders in Afghanistan are moving more deliberately in Kandahar, the biggest southern city and the Taliban's former headquarters. They're resolved to defeat the militants with minimal use of force.

## Clinton pushes Vietnam on human rights progress

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)**—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Thursday urged Vietnam to improve its human rights record but also pledged greater cooperation in dealing with the lingering impact of Agent Orange from the Vietnam War.

In Hanoi to mark the 15th anniversary of normalized U.S.-Vietnam relations, Clinton praised her hosts for their "extraordinary, dynamic population" and said it "is on the path to becoming a great nation with an unlimited potential." To ful-

fill that promise, though, she said the communist government must ease curbs on free speech and political activity.

"That is among the reasons we expressed concern about arrest and conviction of people for peaceful dissent, attacks on religious groups and curbs on Internet freedom," she said in her opening comments at a joint news conference with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Gia Khiem.

Ahead of her visit, human rights groups and U.S. lawmakers called on Clinton to raise the cases of jailed imprisoned dissi-

dents, democratic and religious activists and bloggers with Vietnamese officials.

"The government of Vietnam's desire to reap the benefits of the global economy must be matched by efforts to respect comprehensive human rights," a bipartisan group of 19 members of Congress wrote to Clinton on July 15.

Clinton did not say if she had raised those cases but said the Obama administration wanted to work with Vietnam "to support efforts to pursue reforms and protect basic rights and freedoms."

## Typhoon lashes southern China, killing 2

**BEIJING (AP)**—Two people were killed as Typhoon Chanthu made landfall in southern China's Guangdong province, sending debris flying through the air and bringing rain that could aggravate the country's worst floods in a decade. Winds, which reached 78 miles per hour (126 kilometers per hour) at the storm's center, knocked over a wall in Guangdong's Wuchuan city, killing two people, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. By Friday morning, the storm had moved north to Nanning, the capital of the Guangxi region and been downgraded to a tropical storm, the China Meteorological Administration said in a statement on its website.

## Some Internet porn sites in China now accessible

**BEIJING (AP)**—Word leaked out slowly, spread by Web-savvy folks on Twitter: Internet porn that once was blocked by Chinese government censors was now openly available. "Are they no longer cracking down on pornographic websites? A lot of porn sites and forums are accessible," technology blogger William Long wrote on his feed. Messages like that startled Chinese Web surfers, long accustomed to the authorities' Internet blockades.

The country had been in the midst of highly publicized anti-pornography sweeps, and there had been no announcement of any change in government policy. Yet eight weeks later, the porn sites are still accessible. Still unanswered are questions about whether it's an official change in policy, a technical glitch or some sort of test by the usually disapproving Chinese Internet police.

## US to resume ties with Indonesia's special forces

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—The United States will cautiously resume cooperation with Indonesia's special forces while still pursuing reforms in the commando unit more than a decade after ties were severed over its alleged human rights abuses, officials said Thursday. Both countries stressed that the Indonesian military had improved its human rights record, and American officials noted the decision required that those reform efforts continue. Human rights activists, however, were skeptical that the special forces would be held accountable for past alleged abuses or would reform enough to prevent future abuse. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates made the announcement after meeting with Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in the capital of Jakarta.

# World

## Memo portrays UN chief wanting control, secrecy

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—A portrait of Ban Ki-moon as a secrecy-obsessed U.N. chief seeking to wrest control of internal investigations emerges from a blistering 50-page confidential memo by his former oversight chief.

The unusual memo by Inga-Britt Ahlenius, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, describes Ban as more concerned with preventing news leaks than with releasing possible criminal evidence to prosecutors. It also details how she fought Ban's efforts to set up a competing "new investigative capacity" within the United Nations.

The Swedish former auditor general also stated that the secretary-general improperly refused to allow many of her office's audit reports to be made public, or to allow nearly all of its confidential investigative reports, with evidence of potential criminal wrongdoing, to be re-



In this photo provided by the United Nations, British Prime Minister David Cameron, left, shakes hands with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the United Nations headquarters in New York Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

ferred to outside prosecutors.

"Such secretiveness serves us poorly," Ahlenius wrote to Ban. "In fact you repeatedly profess to a leadership style of teamwork and collaboration. ... In reality, however, your style comes out as one of command and control."

U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said Thursday that Ban regrets that Ahlenius' confidential memo was leaked, but he considers her "frank thinking and advice" an important tool for improving his management and he and his senior advisers are "carefully reviewing" it.

## Tropical Storm Bonnie moving toward oil spill

**NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)**—Tropical Storm Bonnie steamed into the central Bahamas on Thursday night while tracking a course that could take it over the site of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Rain and lightning raked the low-lying Turks and Caicos Islands and the Bahamas, and forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm could reach the Gulf of Mexico by Saturday.

On Thursday evening, the center said Bonnie had maximum sustained winds of 40

mph (65 kph), and was centered about 165 miles (265 kilometers) southeast of the Bahamian capital of Nassau. It already had caused flooding in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

A broken oil well has spewed somewhere between 94 million and 184 million gallons into the Gulf before a cap could be attached. The crisis—the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history—unfolded after the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig exploded April 20, killing 11 workers.

Some experts worry the hurricane season could worsen environmental damage from the spill, with powerful winds and large waves pushing oil deeper into estuaries and wetlands and also depositing more of the pungent, sticky mess on beaches.

As the storm advanced Thursday, people stocked up on water and food in the southern Bahamas and Turks and Caicos, island chains that are well-accustomed to rough weather. Many businesses remained open, but schools were already closed for the summer.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Venezuela severs ties with Colombia

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**—President Hugo Chavez severed Venezuela's diplomatic relations with Colombia on Thursday over claims he harbors guerrillas, and he charged that his neighbor's leader could attempt to provoke a war. Chavez said he was forced to break off all relations because Colombian officials claim he has failed to move against leftist rebels who allegedly have taken shelter in Venezuelan territory. Chavez acted moments after Colombian Ambassador Luis Alfonso Hoyos presented a meeting of the Organization of American States in Washington with photos, videos, witness testimony and maps of what he said were rebel camps inside Venezuela and challenged Venezuelan officials to let independent observers visit them. Neither Chavez nor his OAS ambassador directly responded to the Colombian challenge to let people visit the alleged site of the camps.

### Gaza tunnel smugglers cutting through Egypt's wall

**RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP)**—A Palestinian tunnel smuggler with a blowtorch sliced through an underground steel wall early Thursday, the latest of what officials say are hundreds of holes cut into the Egyptian barrier meant to stop smuggling of goods, cash and weapons to the blockaded, Hamas-run Gaza Strip. Smugglers say the wall

was never a serious obstacle, and they are far more worried about competition from consumer goods being brought to Gaza legally, now that Israel has eased its closure of the Palestinian territory. Rare Associated Press Television News footage showed the smuggler breaching the wall. "Look at what they call the best iron in the world," he said, his face covered by a black-and-white headscarf as he rested near the new opening. "We melt it like cheese." He refused to give his name for fear of retribution from Egyptian authorities.

### Sister monument to Stonehenge may have been found

**LONDON (AP)**—Scientists scouring the area around Stonehenge said Thursday they have uncovered a circular structure only a few hundred meters (yards) from the world famous monument. There's some debate about what exactly has been found. The survey team which uncovered the structure said it could be the foundation for a circle of freestanding pieces of timber, a wooden version of Stonehenge. But Tim Darvill, a professor of archaeology at Bournemouth University in southern England, expressed skepticism, saying he believed it was more likely a barrow, or prehistoric tomb. Darvill did say that the circle was one of an expanding number of discoveries being made around Stonehenge which "really shows how much there is still to learn and how extensive the site really was."

# Maharlika

## PINOY LIFE IN THE MARIANAS

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### IT&E's Kababayan SIM makes it cheaper to text, call RP

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Are you having trouble getting in touch with your family in the Philippines? Does your family back home complain about the cost of sending text messages or making phone calls to Saipan?

The answer to your communication woes has finally arrived with IT&E's Kababayan SIM, which is targeted for all Filipinos on island.

"Kababayan SIM is the only Filipino SIM in the Marianas and has the same pricing as the regular IT&E SIM. The

only distinctive feature of the SIM is the exclusive special call rate to Globe and Touch Mobile numbers to the Philippines," said IT&E art director Norman del Rosario.

According to Del Rosario, calls to Globe and Touch Mobile numbers in the Philippines only cost \$0.22 per minute when using the Kababayan SIM.

This is a big drop from the regular long distance rate of \$0.62 per minute on IT&E prepaid phones, he said.

In addition, customers who use the Kababayan SIM will not be charged the \$0.20 airtime rate when calling Globe and Touch Mobile numbers.

#### TO CALL OR SEND TEXT TO PHILIPPINES

Dial 011 + country code (63) + Globe or Touch Mobile number

#### TO CALL OR SEND TEXT TO KABABAYAN SIM

Globe and Touch Mobile only

For calls, dial 12801 + country code (1) + area code (670) + IT&E Kababayan SIM number

For instructions on how to send text to a Kababayan SIM, type ITXT<space>help and send to 8888

Del Rosario said Kababayan SIM users just have to follow the normal GSM dialing process, which is 011 + country code + Globe or Touch Mobile number. There is no special dialing required, he added.

Calls from Globe and Touch Mobile numbers to a Kababayan SIM only cost P5 pesos

per minute, a significant difference to the regular rate of P45 pesos per minute.

Del Rosario noted that Globe and Touch Mobile subscribers must follow the special dialing instructions when calling a Kababayan SIM.

They must dial the special prefix (12801) + country code

(1) + area code (670) + IT&E Kababayan SIM number.

Sending text messages from a Globe or Touch Mobile number to a Kababayan SIM is also at a low rate of P0.50 cents per text.

A text message from a Kababayan SIM to a Globe or Touch Mobile number is still at \$0.06 for every text sent.

For Globe or Touch Mobile subscribers who wish to send a text to a Kababayan SIM number, they may inquire how to send a text by typing ITXT<space>help and send to 8888.

Del Rosario added that a Kababayan SIM looks exactly the same as a regular IT&E SIM, except for the 'kababayan' label

on the SIM card.

All IT&E prepaid SIM cards, including the Kababayan SIM, expire 120 days after last use.

The IT&E Kababayan SIM costs only \$19.95 and comes with a free \$10 load.

To reload, just purchase the IT&E Prepaid Wireless Card which comes in denomination of \$5, \$10, and \$20.

IT&E Kababayan SIM cards are available at available at IT&E's Wireless Express Center at TSL Plaza in Garapan, IT&E Chalan Lamlau office, and most of the retail stores on Saipan.

For more information, call 682-4ITE (4483) or email customercare@itechq.net.

## 2 Emmanuel College graduates pass NCLEX

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Two graduates of Emmanuel College's nursing program have successfully hurdled the national licensure examination for nurses, or NCLEX, after more than a year of self-study and review.

Ana Victoria Ga and Paz Echavez now join Emmanuel College alumni Sarah Jane Santos, Jian Teng, Xiao Hua Yuan, Cheng Huan, Leonora Angello, and Li Li who have also passed the test.

Emmanuel College now has a total of eight graduates who have passed NCLEX—all on their first try—since 2009.

Ga is a mother of two. She completed the 11-month nursing vocational program at Emmanuel College in November 2008.

Saipan Tribune learned that Ga took the examination on July 13 and received the result two days after.

She described the five-hour, 105-item test rigorous, requir-

ing analysis and understanding.

She lauded the valuable contribution of her mentors at the college and the support of her husband, Alex Tagasa, who inspired her to pursue her dream.

Ga is now applying for a nursing assistant position.

Like her friend Ga, Echavez took the time to complete the program despite her family obligations. She is married to Wilfredo Echavez and is a mother to two children. She passed the exam last July 8.

Saipan Tribune learned that Paz Echavez is an accounting degree holder but chose to complete the nursing vocational program to fulfill her second dream of becoming a nurse.

She said she even enrolled and completed a few credits of nursing while in the Philippines.

Echavez belongs to the first batch of students who graduated from Emmanuel College in November 2008.

Both Echavez and Ga plan to land a job at the island's lone hospital.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Paz Echavez, left, and Ana Victoria Ga are the latest Emmanuel College alumni to have passed the National Licensure Examination for nurses. The two are part of the first batch of graduates from the institution in November 2008.



#### WATER CRISIS

A woman pushes her drum filled with water to her house Friday, July 23, 2010 in Manila, Philippines. Many in Manila have been left with limited supplies or no water at all this week after water levels at the Angat Dam, the main source for the capital, fell to a critically low point following a prolonged drought.

## Aquino to bare anomalies in SONA

By ABIGAIL KWOK  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—In his first State of the Nation Address, President Benigno Aquino III will be revealing "a minimum of five anomalies" the previous administration committed that he said will shock the public.

Speaking to reporters after the change-of-command ceremonies at the Philippine Army Friday, Aquino said the anomalies that he and his Cabinet have uncovered will be "shocking" and "without sense, without rhyme and without reason, but which we have to fix."

"Pati kayo na sanay na sanay na, ma-sha-shock pa rin kayo (Even you who are used to this, will still be shocked)," he said.

Giving a glimpse of his speech,

Aquino said one of the irregularities discovered by Budget Secretary Florencio "Butch" Abad was the alleged misuse of calamity funds, which benefitted a particular district not hit by a typhoon.

Aquino said the calamity funds have already been "depleted."

"It seems there was a particular district that benefitted and that is not affected by typhoon Basyang or even typhoons Ondoy or Pepeng. But 20% of the [calamity] funds allegedly went...to that district," Aquino said.

He declined to provide

more details as it would preempt his speech.

Asked what the overall message of his first speech would be, Aquino said, "As I said in the beginning, you have to ascertain what the problems are. The problems will point to certain solutions that would be best to solve all of these problems you have identified."

"In the reverse side of that, we are very, very hopeful of the developments with regards to fulfilling the wants and needs of our state," he added.

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## Culinary arts, baking classes set reunion

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The culinary arts class and the baking class that were in charge of the Philippine Independence Day celebration hosted by the Philippine Consulate Office last June 13 will be having a get-together now that their class has ended.

Rey Tayag of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office said the social event, to be held at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion at 9am on Aug. 1, is a way to thank the group who worked hard to make the June 13 festivity a success.

Last June 13, members of the Filipino community and guests attended the Consulate-hosted celebration of the 112<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Philippine Independence.

Guests indulged in a delectable feast prepared by the current culinary arts class and the graduates of the baking class, both part of the Consulate and Philippine Labor Office-sponsored livelihood course project.

Chef Hermie Coronejo of Fiesta Resort, who is also the instructor of the culinary arts class, supervised the 60 students and volunteers that prepared the Independence Day fare.

They banquet included *embutido*, stuffed chicken, *pancit*, fried rice, sushi, carrot cream soup, and sweet potato cream pie.

Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig commended the group, adding that the skills they learned during the course and what they did for the occasion were a manifestation of the true meaning of independence, which is freedom from uncertainty.

# Aquino denies troop deployment over water crisis

By ABIGAIL KWOK  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—President Benigno Aquino III has denied that military and police troops would be deployed to respond to the water crisis.

In a press conference after the change-of-command ceremonies at the Philippine Army Friday, Aquino said he was not informed of the report that was published at the Philippine Daily Inquirer, saying around 2,000 troops will be deployed to prevent riots in 177 villages in Metro Manila. "One of the national broadsheets stated that troops will be utilized to secure the sources of water. So I wasn't informed of this and I talked to the parties concerned as to whom this decision was...no troops were deployed," he said.

Aquino said that although there has been a request to utilize troops to assist in the water crisis, the request has been withdrawn even before it could be discussed.

He also said that the incident in Malabon where residents broke a pipe line to get water was an "isolated case."

"You only bring out troops to suppress [lawless elements]," Aquino said.

Meanwhile, Aquino said



A man plays in the gushing water from a busted pipe along a street in Manila Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in the Philippines. A water crisis is looming in metropolitan Manila as water level at the Angat Dam which is the main source, continues to dip further due to short rainfall, according to officials.

that an investigation was underway amid allegations that "several liters" of water were released from Angat Dam after the onslaught of tropical storm

"Ondoy" and typhoon "Pepeng" in 2009.

"There is an allegation that after Ondoy and Pepeng, they released several liters of wa-

ter, they being the Napocor [National Power Corp.] at that point when they were already advised the El Nino was forthcoming," he said.

## Duped by recruiter, 2 Filipinos stranded in Haiti

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**MANILA, Philippines**—Two Filipino workers have been stranded in Haiti after they were duped by an illegal recruiter there with Filipino accomplices for non-existing jobs in the Caribbean country.

A report from the Philippine

Embassy in Cuba said that the victims, whose names were withheld, gave P500,000 each to the recruiter who promised them jobs in Haiti supposedly with a Korean company with a salary of US\$3,000 a month.

The plight of the two OFWs was relayed by Fr. Andrew Labatorio, a Filipino community leader, who arrived recently in

Port-au-Prince.

The embassy suspected that the two were actually part of a 15-member batch who were victimized by the same recruiter with Filipino accomplices based here and in Haiti.

One of the victims arrived in Haiti on May 23 with another Filipino. They were recruited by a certain Marla Consola-

cion, aka Marla Wong or Marla Habas, a resident of Parañaque and Laguna.

"As a result, the two are penniless and destitute in Port-au-Prince and are depending on the largesse of the Filipino community members to survive. They are also awaiting their repatriation to Manila," said Philippine Ambassador to Cuba Dr. Macarthur Corsino.

## Pacquiao, Marcos son join drive vs human trafficking

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**MANILA, Philippines**—Sarangani Rep. Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao and Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. are supporting efforts to step up the government's antihuman trafficking drive.

The two lawmakers were among the legislators and executive branch officials who joined civil society groups in Manila Thursday for a dialogue on the problem of human trafficking.

"A lot of the victims of human trafficking syndicates hail from the poorest and most remote towns in the Visayas and Mindanao. It is very painful to hear the stories of all of these victims who only want to provide for their families," Pacquiao said.

The boxing-champion-turned-lawmaker said he was willing to be part of the campaign against

human trafficking and offered his services as a spokesperson and endorser.

"I am willing to join this cause against human trafficking. Aside from coming up with legislation to put more teeth to fight this crime, I am also submitting myself to give talks, participate in rallies and even as a media endorser to champion the cause against human trafficking," Pacquiao added.

Marcos, for his part, said he was ready to accept specific suggestions for a proposed legislation or amendments to existing laws that would help the government's antihuman trafficking drive.

"We should look at this from practical point of view—what exactly do we need to do to improve our standing? We need a laundry list of what needs to be done, and which agency or institution should be tasked to do it," he said.

## Philippines: American, 4 Filipinos killed

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—An American Air Force retiree and four Filipinos were found shot to death Thursday inside their home north of Manila during an apparent robbery, police said.

City police chief Danilo Bautista said the bodies of Albert Mitchell, his wife, and three others were found with gunshot wounds inside Mitchell's home in a subdivision in Angeles city, near the former U.S.-run Clark Air Force Base some 80 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Manila. The victims' faces were covered with cloth.

The other victims were two

maids and an unidentified man, all Filipinos. Mitchell's age and hometown were not immediately available.

Bautista said a manhunt was being conducted for a lone assailant who fled after a suspicious security guard accosted him at the subdivision gate.

The guard asked a co-worker to hold the suspect while he checked on Mitchell's home, but the man was able to escape on a motorized rickshaw, leaving behind a sack with items apparently stolen from Mitchell's home, including a DVD player and computer accessories.

### PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

#### 2 cousins killed by elder kin in Cavite

**CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna**—Two female cousins were stabbed to death by an elder relative in Bacoar, Cavite, the police said on Thursday. Initial findings of the police showed that one of the victims was also raped. Supt. Redrico Maranan, Bacoar police chief, said by phone that victim Janice Pausanos, 19, was found naked and lifeless inside her home in Barangay Molino 7 at around 4:40 p.m. Wednesday. The other victim, Leona Paloma, 19, was rushed to St. Michael hospital, also in Bacoar, but died upon arrival. Both victims died of multiple stab wounds. Maranan said the teenagers' aunt left them in the house when another cousin of the victims, identified as Elvin Baluyot, 20, allegedly attacked them. Police are now hunting for Baluyot who was believed to have fled to Las Piñas City. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

#### Court junks Trillanes plea to attend 1st Senate session

**MANILA, Philippines**—A Makati judge has thrown out Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV's petition to attend the inaugural session of the 15th Congress, dashing the detained former Navy officer's hope of participating in a crucial vote for the Senate presidency. In a four-page order signed on July 15, Judge Oscar Pimentel of the Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 148 said the Trillanes camp merely rehashed arguments already rejected by the Supreme Court in a previous ruling. Pimentel also cited the Philippine National Police's position opposing Trillanes' plea for temporary freedom. The PNP has said his attendance at the Senate session on July 26 "would involve more risks than usual" because it would be attended by a lot of people. Trillanes' lawyers said they would ask the Makati court on Friday to reconsider its ruling and allow the senator to have just at least five hours of freedom to attend the session. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

#### 6-month budget gap swells to P196.7B

The budget deficit swelled to P196.7 billion in the first semester, or 35.47-percent more than the P145.2-billion ceiling for the period, according to the Bureau of the Treasury. Overspending in the first half of the year already represented 60 percent of the full-year deficit target of P325 billion. The January-June deficit would have accounted for almost two-thirds of the 2010 program had the new team of economic managers not increased the deficit ceiling from P300 billion earlier this month. National Treasurer Roberto B. Tan said Wednesday that the rise in the deficit was partly due to the failure to raise some P30 billion through the sale of government assets. The Aquino administration has since put on hold and is reviewing the sale of three big-ticket items – PNOC Exploration Corp.'s share in the Malampaya natural gas field off Palawan, a big part of the Food Terminal Inc. complex in Taguig City and the Fujimi property in Japan. "We are sticking to the [P325-billion, full-year] target deficit," Tan said. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

#### Massacre suspects, witnesses in near clash

**MANILA, Philippines**—Justice Secretary Leila de Lima has sought the transfer of some of the accused in the Maguindanao massacre after detained members of the Ampatuan clan and their supporters nearly clashed with them at Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City on Saturday. "Over the weekend there was a near-violent confrontation. Fortunately it didn't come about," De Lima told reporters. The object of the Ampatuans' and their supporters' ire were 14 policemen charged in the massacre along with them who had announced their intention to turn state's evidence in the case. The confrontation prompted the authorities to seek the speedy transfer of the accused policemen from Camp Bagong Diwa to the Philippine National Police headquarters in Camp Crame in Quezon City.

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# Filipina-American is Schwarzenegger's chief justice nominee

By HOWARD MINTZ  
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

**SAN JOSE, Calif.**—California's likely next chief justice will break the mold when she takes on the most powerful role in the state's court system.

If confirmed by a state commission and endorsed by the voters in November, Tani Cantil-Sakauye, the governor's newly-announced choice to lead the state's Supreme Court, will be the first Asian-American chief justice in state history. She will be the court's first Filipina justice, and she'll give the state Supreme Court an unprecedented majority of women justices. And with a rich, compelling personal background, this daughter of one-time farmworkers may also be the court's first trained blackjack dealer, a job that helped her pay her way through law school decades ago.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday named Cantil-Sakauye as his choice to succeed Chief Justice Ronald George, who announced last week that he is ending his 14-year run as leader of the state's Supreme Court. The 50-year-old Cantil-Sakauye is a Sacramento appeals court justice who has been a judge for 20 years. She drew widespread praise Wednesday as a strong selection with a background dealing with administrative issues and the Legislature, as well as someone ex-

pected to fill George's shoes as a moderate whose vote will be critical in close cases decided by the Supreme Court.

"Everyone that has known Tani has always expected great things of her," said Arthur Scotland, presiding justice of the Sacramento-based Third District Court of Appeal and an influential backer of her getting the chief justice post. "She is the complete package." Schwarzenegger wasted no time in selecting Cantil-Sakauye, a Republican he appointed to the appeals court in 2005. The governor faced a deadline of as soon as late August to nominate George's replacement in order for the nominee to be on the November ballot, a requirement for Schwarzenegger to get the pick before he leaves office in January.

George is stepping down on Jan. 2. Cantil-Sakauye is something of surprise choice, given that her name has not been circulated much in recent days as the legal community considered George's potential replacements. But with historic credentials as potentially the first Asian chief justice and with a long resume as a judge, she is unlikely to encounter much resistance as she goes through the nomination and election process. A state commission composed of George, appeals court Justice Joan Dempsey-Klein and Attorney General Jerry Brown must confirm Cantil-Sakauye before she is

placed before the voters for election to a 12-year term.

"I can't see any reason anyone would raise doubts about her," said J. Clark Kelso, a Sacramento-based law professor.

Cantil-Sakauye brings lengthy judicial experience and a background in dealing with administrative issues, an increasingly large share of the chief justice's role in recent years, particularly with the state budget crunch forcing the courts to cut back and even close one day per month for the first time in history.

As an appeals court justice, Cantil-Sakauye has appeared largely centrist, although legal experts say there is nothing in her record to indicate one way or the other how she might rule on some of the controversial issues that reach the state Supreme Court. And given that George was often the deciding vote in 4-3 decisions, including 2008's ruling that temporarily legalized same-sex marriage in the state, she is expected to be a crucial vote in the future.

"She could potentially be the pivot of the court, but it's too early to predict," said Dan Kolkey, Gov. Pete Wilson's former legal affairs secretary and former Sacramento appeals court justice.

Added Gerald Uelmen, a Santa Clara University law professor: "That's the big mystery. There's not much there that gives any clue where she'll come



Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, 50, serves on the state's 3rd District Court of Appeal. She was a judge and prosecutor in Sacramento.

out on the hot button issues." She has penned hundreds of appeals court rulings, including a decision earlier this year that struck down a California education regulation that allowed non-nursing but trained school staffers to give insulin shots to students. While a trial court judge in Sacramento for 14 years, she was believed to be the first judge in the state to uphold an arrest warrant in a rape case that solely identified the suspect based on his DNA. She became a judge at just 30 years old.

Cantil-Sakauye once served as dep-

uty legislative secretary for former Gov. George Deukmejian. More recently, she has for the past two years served side-by-side with George on the state's Judicial Council, the policy-making arm of the California court system. The chief justice heads the Judicial Council.

Cantil-Sakauye, who will be introduced Thursday by the governor at a news conference, released only a statement on Wednesday.

"Being nominated to serve on the highest court in California is a dream come true," Cantil-Sakauye said. "As a jurist, woman and a Filipina, I am extremely grateful for the trust Governor Schwarzenegger has placed in me." In the past, she has revealed her rags-to-riches story, growing up in Sacramento the daughter of a mother who worked as a farmworker, as well as a father who had worked on Hawaii's sugarcane and pineapple plantations. As she later made her way through law school, Cantil-Sakauye worked as a blackjack dealer in Lake Tahoe, and did so again in Reno after earning her law degree and before landing a job as a prosecutor in Sacramento.

Cantil-Sakauye is Schwarzenegger's second pick on the state Supreme Court. Earlier in the term, he appointed Justice Carol Corrigan, who had been considered a contender for the chief justice spot.

## UST Singers win in Europe choir contests

**MANILA, Philippines**—The University of Sto. Tomas (UST) Singers continues to win in choir contests in Europe, the Department of Foreign Affairs said.

Following their recent victories this year in international choral competitions in Wales, Ireland and Poland, the UST Singers secured the top prizes in the choir competition at the 28th International Music Festival which was held on July 16-18 in Cantonigròs in Catalonia, Spain. Cantonigròs is a small rural town situated around 150 kilometers north of Barcelona.

The UST Singers obtained the top prizes in both the Mixed Choir and Folk Song categories of the competition, which was participated in this year by 33 choirs and dance groups representing 22 countries plus the Catalan and Basque regions of Spain. Choirs from Slovenia and Indonesia finished second and third, respectively, in the same categories of the competition.

The UST Singers choir was tasked to open the festival with a rendition of various folk and popular songs on the evening of July 16. Their performance was met with a rousing standing ovation

from the audience, including mayors of Catalan towns in the area and members of the consular corps in Barcelona, including Philippine Consul General in Barcelona Eduardo de Vega.

The last Philippine choir to participate in Cantonigròs was the Philippine Normal University Choir, which gathered first place in the Folk Song Category and tied for third place in the Mixed Choir category during the 2008 edition of the festival.

Aside from the consul general, a number of Filipino supporters from Barcelona were present to render moral support for the UST Singers, and met with members of the choir and their director, Professor Fidel G. Calalang, Jr., before their opening number.

Professor Calalang expressed the choir's appreciation for the support provided by the Filipinos who came to watch them perform, while Consul General de Vega told the group that their successive victories in European competitions are being followed with much excitement in the Philippines and continue to be a source of great pride for the Filipino nation. (*INQUIRER.net*)



### PROTESTER

A protester displays a placard during a rally near the U.S. Embassy in Manila Wednesday, July 21, 2010 to protest the two-day visit of U.S. Undersecretary for Political Affairs William Burns to the Philippines. Burns is on a two-day visit here for talks with President Benigno Aquino III and to inspect USAID (US Agency for International Development) projects in the southern Philippines.

## Filipina maid inherits millions from Singaporean employer

**SINGAPORE**—A devoted Filipina maid inherited six million Singapore dollars (more than four million US) from her late employer after more than 20 years of service, a newspaper report said Wednesday.

"I am the luckiest maid in Singapore, with or without the money," the 47-year-old single woman—identified only by the pseudonym "Christine"—told the *Straits Times* in an interview.

The maid refused to be named in

public for fear of possible threats to her life in the impoverished Philippines, where wealthy people have been kidnapped for ransom and some killed by their abductors.

The windfall, including cash and a luxury apartment near the Orchard Road shopping belt, came from the estate of her employer Quek Kai Miew, a medical doctor and philanthropist who died last year at 66.

The maid had also taken care of the

doctor's late mother, and was told that she would be a beneficiary of her employer's will when it was drawn up in 2008. "There were no secrets between us. I was not surprised at all when she told me how much I was going to get," the maid recalled.

"Christine" was devastated when Quek died a year ago, as the two were inseparable, and temporarily moved in with the doctor's nephew for solace.

"It was heartbreaking for me as I

saw more years with Doctor Quek than with my own mother. I would break down every time I thought about her. I could not be by myself," she said.

"I was always beside her. Wherever she went, I was with her."

The maid, who is now applying for permanent residency in Singapore, said her newfound wealth had not changed her lifestyle.

"I do not really think much about the money I got. I just live my life as

I did before, and not as a rich person," the maid, dressed simply in a blouse and slacks with short-cropped hair, was quoted as saying.

"I am still who I was before. I cannot behave differently because I have money now. Even my Filipino maid friends here still treat me the same."

Nearly 200,000 foreign maids, mostly from the Philippines and Indonesia, work in affluent Singapore, which has a population of five million.

# Maharlika – PinoyStyle

## INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

# A 'complete deception'

By **POCHOLO CONCEPCION**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

I don't want to have anything more to do with him. What he did was a complete deception," said Norma Japitana in a phone interview Wednesday afternoon about her erstwhile talent, actor Cesar Montano.

The veteran talent manager told the Inquirer that she at first wanted to keep her peace and that she had been avoiding the media. But she decided to talk at last, if only to clear the issue.

### Complete surprise

She said Montano's leaving his home studio, ABS-CBN, by signing up with rival network GMA 7 last week had taken her completely by surprise. In fact, she added, the day before the actor signed the deal with the Kapuso network, she was still negotiating a project for him, a

movie with ABS-CBN's Star Cinema.

"Masakit sa akin. Napahiya ako [It hurt; I was humiliated]," she said.

Japitana revealed that her contract with Montano as his talent manager was still in force after 25 years. She had no inkling, she said, that he would even think of violating the agreement.

She said she and Montano signed the contract in 1985, "automatically renewable every year, until both parties dissolve it by mutual agreement."

Asked whether it was true, as Montano had said in news reports, that her services were now simply on a "per project basis," Japitana bristled, "That's not true! No manager would agree to that!"

She recalled that, on July 13, she was with ABS-CBN Television Entertainment head Linggit Tan and another executive in Montano's dressing room at the Kapamilya studios to discuss the planned movie.

"He was to play the husband of Lorna Tolentino and the father of Bea Alonzo and Coco Martin," said Japitana. "There was also a discussion about bringing back 'Singing Bee,' although no definite date was discussed."

### Wowowee factor

Japitana said Montano might have rued that he wouldn't get to host ABS-CBN's daily noontime game show "Wowowee" on a regular basis.

For the past several months, the show has been carrying on without its main host, Willie Revillame, who is on indefinite leave following management discomfort caused by controversial on-air remarks that he made.

Montano hosted "Wowowee" temporarily last week.

"I arranged that deal," Japitana pointed out. "He wanted to host it in the long run. But we were informed that audi-

ence response was weak, so his stint lasted only four days."

### When it started

Reviewing the situation, Japitana said her falling out with Montano might have started when she discouraged him from running for governor of Bohol in the May 10 elections.

She recounted: "I asked around, talked to people in Bohol to assess his chances. The feedback I got was not good. Malabo raw manalo. (His chances of winning are low). So that's what I told him. I thought it was part of my loyalty to tell him the truth. After that, he became cold..."

### PCSO post

But to prove that she and Montano were still in good terms until last week, Japitana made another revelation: "He is eyeing a post in PCSO (Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office). He said

Actor Cesar Montano

it was offered to him, being a member of the Liberal Party [to which President Noynoy Aquino belongs]. But since he cannot assume the post due to the one-year ban for losing candidates, he told me, 'Ate Norms, ikaw muna ang mag-front sa akin sa PCSO.' (Ate Norms, you will have to be my front at PCSO)."

Right after Montano's transfer to GMA 7 made the news, Japitana said, "He kept calling me. I still have all those text messages. When I saw him on TV signing the contract, I decided to drop him."

But Japitana denied that she filed a complaint with Pami (Philippine Artists Managers Inc.) to protest Montano's move. "I'm not running after him. It was Pami that formally issued the complaint, after learning what happened," she said.

She wished him luck, Japitana said, but with a stern warning: "Don't try doing this to anyone else. Baka makarma ka."

## Rufa Mae: Stop talk about the Arroyos

### » 'Mikey's mom may already be angry'

By **MARINEL CRUZ**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Sexy comedienne Rufa Mae Quinto is categorically denying that she is pregnant with former Pampanga Rep. Mikey Arroyo's child, insisting she has not communicated with him for quite a while.

Mikey, son of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, is rumored to be Rufa Mae's mysterious businessman-politician boyfriend. The comedienne denies this as well. Mikey has been married to Ma. Angela Montenegro since June 2002.

"I don't want to talk about the Arroyo family anymore—baka affected na sila," Rufa Mae told Inquirer recently. "I've not talked with Mikey about this, either. What would I tell him? Although



Rufa Mae Quinto

I have to send him a text message sooner or later, just to ask how he is—his mom may already be angry with all these rumors circulating."

Rufa Mae said it is unfortunate—and something that makes her unhappy—that her love life has turned into a laughing matter for the public. "I have feelings, too," she told us during the launch of "Kaya ng Powers," her new GMA 7 sitcom. "I guess some people entertain themselves that way."

The actress added: "I intend to be physically, mentally, emotionally and financially prepared before I have a baby. Plus, I certainly want to be married first. I don't want to feel depressed while pregnant. Mahirap

magbuntis, I think. I want everything to be okay—walang negative vibes."

### Wedding postponed

Rufa Mae said the grand wedding that, she earlier announced, would take place this year, would have to be postponed for a few reasons: "Yes, we're engaged and we want to be together for life, but it's not easy. We want the controversy to die down first. [My partner] is a very private person. He's low-profile. He easily gets affected by rumors. I want to be able to talk about the wedding with him beside me, when he's finally ready to face everybody—hindi lang siya mystery man."

### More work

Rufa Mae also said she received more work after she made public her decision to settle down. "It's like people don't like me to quit show biz. That's another reason I'm having second thoughts about leaving. Tama bang ikasal na ako ngayon?"

Rufa Mae recently signed a two-year management contract with GMA 7. "I told my bosses to give me two years, itotodo ko ang trabaho. After that, I'll decide whether or not I'll leave."

Rufa Mae said she was busy helping her best friend, actress LJ Moreno, prepare for the latter's wedding. LJ is marrying basketball star Jimmy Alapag in August. "I told her, you go first. Maybe 2011 is the year for me," Rufa Mae said.

The comedienne plays Mrs. Stephanie Powers in the sitcom, "Kaya ng Powers," inspired by the Disney animated film "The Incredibles." Joey Marquez plays Dr. Robert Powers, the patriarch. Stephanie's three children are portrayed by Rhian Ramos (Hillary), Sheena Halili (Shalani) and Elmo Magalona (Gustin).

## Teenage singer Charice gets Botox for 'Glee' debut

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Baby-faced teen singer Charice says she prepared for her debut on the hit Fox TV show "Glee" by getting Botox and an anti-aging procedure "to look fresh on camera," but her publicist said the Botox was for muscle pain, not for cosmetic reasons.

The 18-year-old Filipino singer with a booming voice, who recently released her self-titled debut album, saw her career skyrocket after appearing on Ellen DeGeneres' and Oprah Winfrey's talkshows. She underwent a 30-minute Thermage skin-tightening procedure and Botox injections to make her "naturally round face" more narrow, celebrity cosmetic surgeon Vicki Belo told ABS-CBN television.



Recording artist Charice Pempengco poses for a portrait in New York, Thursday, April 15, 2010.

However, Charice's publicist, Liz Rosenberg, said in an e-mail Monday the Botox was "absolutely not cosmetic," and added said the treatment was for muscle pain in her jaw.

Belo did the Botox procedure in front of the cameras.

"You chew gum and it turns out to be a favorite super-exercise for these muscles, your chewing muscles. So we will show you, this muscle here it's a bit protruding," Belo said as she touched Charice's face. "It's like a ball, so we are going to Botox that in order to get it flat so she will have a cuter face ... we want to give you the apple cheek look because it's cute, right?"

Charice, in the same interview, said last week's face makeover was part of

## Uproar after Philippine teen star has botox

**MANILA, Philippines**—Teenage Philippine singing sensation Charice Pempengco has caused an Internet uproar after having cosmetic surgery to improve her looks ahead of her debut on top US television show "Glee".

The 18-year-old, known simply by her first name, had botox injections and minor surgery in Manila at the weekend to narrow her rounded face, with the procedure filmed and broadcast afterwards on a national television station.

"It's one of the big preparations we are making for 'Glee' and of course I also want to look fresh on cam," Charice said in a TV interview as she defended her decision to have cosmetic surgery at such a young age.

Fans, however, flooded the star's official website, www.charicemania.com, as the issue became a hot Internet topic, with many lamenting the fact that she felt pressure to alter her face.

"At a very early age, she was made to feel inadequate and was told time and time again that, although she had a killer voice, she did not possess the looks to make it as a 'star'," a fan using the name Marie wrote on Charice's website.

her big preparations for her appearance on the hit show's second season. She starts filming at the end of this month.

"All people will be anticipating how will Charice look? Is she good enough to pit against Rachel Berry? So of course there is tremendous pressure," Charice said. Berry is portrayed by Lea Michele, who is 23.

In an earlier TV interview, Charice said she auditioned for "Glee" in mid-June in Los Angeles and was thankful to have been accepted.

"It's really a blessing," she said, adding she was "very proud to be an Asian, very proud to be Filipino."

On the streets of Manila on Monday, some residents who follow Charice had

"I can't even begin to imagine what that did to this child's self-esteem." On another fan site, www.charicemusic.com, there was more concern for Charice.

"I hope she doesn't change or undergo any more treatment and change herself... she's just fine as it is... listen to yourself and not be affected by other opinions," wrote a user calling themselves Mirana on that site.

Charice's procedure was a top-10 global topic on the social networking site Twitter at one point this week.

Her plastic surgeon, Vicki Belo, said the procedure was meant to sculpt Charice's naturally rounded face.

Belo said the botulinum toxin injections, which immobilize some muscles, would not have any effect on Charice's voice.

The diminutive Filipina first gained global renown through video-sharing website YouTube and has since become a favorite of US TV talk show queen Oprah Winfrey.

"Glee" is an hour-long comedy series that follows an optimistic high school teacher as he works with a group of outcasts to revive the fortunes of the school's performance art club.

mixed feelings about what she did with her face.

"I think it's OK for women to have procedures done, but Charice is too young. Does she need it?" said Patricia Carpio, a 21-year-old student.

For Myrna Lumanao, a 23-year-old seller in a doughnut stall, looking natural is better. "I guess she can afford to have those procedures done because she has the money, but I wish she did not change her looks."

Dr. Malcolm Roth, president of New York's Society of Plastic Surgeons and director of plastic surgery at Maimonides Medical Center in New York, said he wasn't sure how someone so young could benefit from Botox.

# Maharlika – Opinyon

## Economics of hope

By SYLVIA L. MAYUGA  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

The very day after President Noyoy Aquino's inauguration, 180 overseas Pinoys paying their way from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Saipan began a two-day conference on good governance at the Philippine Plaza Sofitel.

More obvious than their disposable wealth was their eagerness to help the new government they had worked hard to elect. These leaders had consulted their campaign chapters right after victory and agreed that there was nothing like a visit for updates, look in on P-Noy, and discuss what next right in the homeland.

Leading the charge was Loida Nicolas-Lewis, with her old anti-dictatorship sparring partner, lawyer pundit Rodel Rodis, who was pleasantly shocked when he was asked to represent overseas Filipinos in the "Panata ng Pagbabago" at the Aquino inaugural.

Their choices of whom to listen to at home were eloquent: Supreme Court Associate Justice Conchita Carpio-Morales whose dissenting opinions precede her, activist blogger Lila Shahani fresh from the Noy-Mar campaign, media good guys Maria Ressa, Cheche Lazaro and Mike Enriquez, Sen. Franklin Drilon who authored both the Dual Citizenship and Overseas Absentee Voting Acts, activist former senior government officials Karina

David and Alran Bengzon, and long-standing Muslim leader Santanina Rasul.

New ideas popped like flashbulbs in a reunion of global Filipinos in a fluid moment of transition. Synching with a new President's schedule meant sudden schedule changes as individual concerns flew thick and fast, like how well Filipinos at home used the media for clean elections, and how long overseas Filipinos must wait for corruption to be tamed enough to make capital investments without paying tong every step of the way.

Arousing sociology of change was upon us, but what really struck this student of the Asian economic crisis and its related global economic crisis was the presentation by professor Gil Ramos. It soon became obvious why Nicolas-Lewis asked him to present his ideas after meeting him as recently as the Noy-Mar campaign.

This immigrant Fil-American professor worth his college degree and doctorate in economics also has master's degrees in urban planning and demographic economics. He was teaching managerial economics in New Jersey University and consulting with private firms in New York when the idea of how to hoist Inang Bayan out of her deepening quagmire of debt came to him midway into the Arroyo years. But still traumatized by the systemic corruption he experienced firsthand while working for the Presidential Commission on Good Government in the 1980s, no way was he going to share it with Arroyo. He watched her chalking up a sovereign debt of P5 trillion in nine years where her three predecessors chalked up only P1.464 trillion combined. It was doubly galling that she had little to show for it in the lives of the Filipino majority.

But Ramos' heart would not stop beating for a homeland whose potential for vibrant economic growth he was sure of, if only corruption could be stemmed. After a landslide victory for righteous rule for a global Filipino nation, it was time to speak up.

Simply put, he proposes an all-Filipino "Marshall Plan" for

overseas Filipinos to invest savings beyond their regular "consumption remittances" for their families back home. He put two figures together to project a possible increase in investments: the average 11 percent savings rate of Fil-Americans and the latest total OFW remittances of \$20 billion for 2010. Should they come together with confidence in the new Philippine government, remittances could double and even buy back dollar debts with pesos to control inflation.

What kind of resources are we talking about? Ramos' research revealed that what he calls "the Overseas Filipino Nation" (OFN) earns 23 times more per capita than Filipinos at home. While the home country is caught in a terrible vise of population explosion and ballooning debt-funded deficit spending, the OFN ranks next only to Switzerland in per capita income. Macro estimates are even more dramatic: projected Philippine GDP (\$189 billion) is only 37 percent of the projected GDP (\$492 billion) of 11 million Filipinos worldwide in 2010.

It was proven again that the hard work and generosity of Filipino OFWs equaled by their love of family is our most precious resource when the opposite of fearful forecasts of shrinking OFW consumption remittances in a worsening global economic crisis happened. Instead they increased by a billion dollars.

There are many more details to this proposal but its overall look is win-win: buying time for a new government to lift a distressed homeland by its bootstraps while building up a good return on investment, both financial and moral.

The moment seems ripe for the challenge of loving the Philippines enough to rescue it with more long-term investments that could buy all a better Filipino future at home and abroad. Seize the day, P-Noy!

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## EDITORIAL

## What now, boss?

Concerted citizen action can make a difference in applying "People Power" to governance. But so can individual behavior. In other words, when President Benigno Aquino III used his Inaugural Address to emphasize that he takes his marching orders from the people—"Kayo ang boss ko"—the occasion was also an opportunity for each citizen to dedicate himself to the public interest.

The worst thing that can happen, after the euphoria of the 2010 elections dies down, is for ordinary citizens to go back to their old routines, and wait for the new administration to deliver on its promises. We all need to face the harsh truth: some of our old routines were partly responsible for, or at least helped make possible, the excesses of the Arroyo administration. Corruption, for example, is a transaction: there is a corruptor and a corruptee. If we take the new administration at its word, then the next time an official asks for a commission, or a lowly clerk opens his desk drawer for an applicant to drop bribe money in, we should refuse—and report the matter to the appropriate authority. To strike a deal on the commission or to pay the bribe, and then to continue to hope that somehow the overall situation will improve under the new administration, is self-defeating behavior.

In other words, if our own hired help (from the President on down) commit themselves to higher standards and better conduct, we can do no less.

Thus, when President Aquino finds himself sometimes stuck in Metro Manila traffic, because he wants to stick to his no wang-wang policy, we should also review our own behavior while on the road. Do we still get off the jeepney anywhere we please, and not at the designated stop? Do we still encourage the taxi driver to cut corners and over-speed when we are running late? Do we still jump the line for the bus or the FX? These seem like small matters, trivial even, but they add up. And they force us to live by the standards we seek to impose on our public officials.

It is difficult enough to earn a living, without having to worry about the common good. We realize that; sometimes we only have enough patience and good will to get through the working day without snapping. But the work of reforming society cannot be the responsibility of public officials alone. And the cost of acting without regard for possible consequences on others is high and frequently paid; consider the gridlock that happens, all too often, when cars and vehicles crowd an intersection without a working traffic light.

Last May, the people overwhelmingly voted for change. Contrary to what some parachute commentators have said, this "change" was quite specifically understood by millions of voters: It meant no more corruption, no more Arroyo-like officiousness, no more misuse of government resources, no more placing of self-interest above the national interest. But for real change to take place, it isn't enough for the right people to be put in charge, with the right policies in place (though that is a necessary condition). The citizens themselves have to get involved.

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## The continuing agony of comfort women

THIS IS not about the debate on purloined text and footnotes that found their way into a Supreme Court decision, and that has been picked up by bloggers abroad and by Prof. Evan Criddle, one of the affected authors who lamented that his writing had been lifted out of context to produce an opposite conclusion.

Rather this is about the larger legal issues that international lawyers have raised to help the Korean, Chinese, Filipino and other comfort women. The first is what exactly is the crime that was committed against them. The second is whether that crime rises to the level of what is called a "jus cogens" norm, a principle so powerful that it will trump and nullify incompatible treaty obligations.

The common perception is that the only crime we are talking about is rape. Yes, the comfort women endured rape—every day, 30 times a day, over months if not years of captivity. That is why various United Nations rapporteurs have made authoritative findings that the crime committed included much more. Remember that the women were typically kidnapped at gun point, kept in detention to "service" the Japanese army, and forced into having sex several times each day, often accompanied by beatings and sometimes contamination with sexually transmitted diseases.

We are not talking about some episodes of unconsented sex. We are talking about sustained and systematic abuse and debasement on a daily basis over months, if not years, of captivity. The UN rapporteurs have listed the following crimes: sexual violence; slavery, including sexual slavery and forced prostitution; crimes against humanity (that is to say, the widespread and systematic enslavement of civilian populations); and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.

How we name the crime determines whether we could ascribe to it the status of jus cogens. Take for example the strongest possible jus cogens principle, namely, the global prohibition on slavery. Yet to call the comfort women's ordeal slavery—some of the victims' advocates argued—puts their daily rape on the same footing as, say, the forced labor of soldiers conscripted to build roads and bridges. It fails to capture the intimate nature of the breach, one that goes into heart of the woman's intrinsic human dignity. But to call it by some other name might dilute the jus cogens nature of the crime, and weaken the claim.

The character of the prohibition as a jus cogens norm is important, because it will in turn affect the validity of the supposed waiver of all Philippine claims under the instrument of surrender of Japan, the San Francisco Peace Pact. It is true that we agreed to waive our claims against Japan in exchange for war reparations. Yet all that time the Japanese government had denied the existence of the comfort stations, and admitted to it only belatedly. Indeed, the "on-site military brothels" were not included in the indictments before

the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, more famously known as the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal. How could we have waived a claim everyone said at that time did not exist?

Beyond that, the importance of the jus cogens argument is that the supposed waiver is thus invalid. That is the point precisely of characterizing a norm as of jus cogens character, which would mean that treaty obligations must yield and bend. One purpose of the doctrine is precisely to protect weak and vulnerable parties from bargaining away their claims in treaties, by affirming certain fundamental norms or prohibitions as non-negotiable and non-derogable.

Perhaps the Philippine government—and here I mean the Executive Branch—should recognize its duty to vindicate the humanitarian claims of its own citizens. It has enough legal ammunition to stand up for its citizens. It has signed the full range of human rights and humanitarian law treaties that set forth its obligation to protect and promote the rights guaranteed therein.

After our 1986 People Power uprising and after Cory Aquino ratified one human rights treaty after another, our country was seen as a key human rights constituency in Asia. Unfortunately, we have recently gone soft on that commitment.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's recent sordid human rights record has certainly sullied our human rights street creds.

Our record of looking the other way on intra-Asean human rights cases, as in the case of Burma, and in the watered-down Asean Intergovernmental Commission for Human Rights has not helped our reputation as a human rights capital in our part of the world.

Fortunately, President Aquino has now stepped forward and signaled a renewed commitment to human rights domestically by appointing the former Human Rights Commission chief as secretary of justice, and internationally by offering to host the headquarters of the Asean human rights office. All those initiatives will be lost on our people and on the world if we weasel out of our obligations to the remaining lolas, the survivors of the comfort women ordeal. They had to wait several decades before they could go public and until then had to bear their pain in silence.

What kind of a nation are we to deny them our nurturing and care? What kind of lawyers are we if, instead of laying the groundwork to give them justice, we seek ways to evade that duty and find every nice legal excuse to look the other way? No, the waiver couldn't have included claims arising from non-negotiable prohibitions of international law. It couldn't have included claims arising from facts either unknown or unconfirmed at the time. There remains a live and valid claim, and we better assert it soon before the claimants die of sickness or old age.

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### Passion For Reason

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

# Maharlika – Samu't Sari



## MOBILE BOARDING PASSES

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Continental Airlines officials and representatives of TSA and CPA during the launching of the mobile boarding passes on Thursday at the Saipan International Airport. From left are Continental Airlines Sylvia Crafton, station manager Rella Kretzers, TSA federal security director Mike Conley, and CPA acting executive director Ed Mendiola.



## PUBLIC MEETING

CLARISSA V. DAVID

The staff of Department of Public Works conducts a public meeting Wednesday night at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. From left, Ben Castro, Special Assistant for Operations; Tony Camacho, Highway Administrator; Joe Inos, Technical Service Division director; Nono Bostre, Highway manager.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Happy birthday to my beautiful sister Ann Margaret and her daughter Jonaret Marthan! Much love and blessing to you both and may you have many more to come! Greetings come from your Fav and Nina Lesley and kids!



Belated birthday greetings to Renren Cabel Baltazar who celebrated her 5th birthday last Sunday at her residence in Chalan Kiya. May you have many more birthdays to come, good luck, good health and God bless you. Greetings coming from your loving mom Sabel and dad Ranie.



Happy birthday greetings going out to Joel Balbin Tudela who is celebrating his birthday today, Saturday, July 24, 2010. Much love and many more birthdays coming from all your family and friends.



Happy birthday to Roma Amor Malasarte, who is celebrating her seventh birthday today. Greetings from your family.

It's July 25 and happy 19th birthday to Roi Jamie! Wishing you all the best and success. God bless you always. Love much, from daddy, mommy, and friends.



## BEACH CLEANUP

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Shirley's Restaurant and Coffee Shop employees participate in a beach cleanup on July 14, 2010.

# YoungStyle

## Texas teen raises \$1 million for hospital

By JAMIE STENGLE  
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**MCKINNEY, Texas (AP)**—Ben Sater had vowed that before he went off to college, he would raise \$1 million for the Dallas children's hospital where he had received free treatments as a child.

After eight years' worth of fundraising golf tournaments for kids, the soon-to-be Austin College freshman has reached

summer sun as the kids who spent the morning golfing splashed in the pool, he said he initially didn't even consider the possibility of raising so much money. The first tournament in 2003 raised about \$20,000.

Sater said, "\$1 million never even crossed my mind."

But over the years, the tournament grew in popularity—the McKinney location was added three years ago after the original Dallas tournament kept filling up.

### ONLINE:

KidSwing, <http://www.kidswing.org>

the goal, with nearly \$19,000 to spare.

Organizers announced Monday that they've raised \$1,018,842 for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, an orthopedic center that treats patients free of charge.

"We got it," the now 18-year-old told the group of kids gathered in McKinney on Monday for the second KidSwing tournament of the summer.

Later, smiling under the hot

Once the tournaments had raised around \$500,000, Sater realized \$1 million was possible.

The tournaments are for kids 7 to 18, so this was Sater's last year to play. But he said the tournaments will go on and he'll still be involved.

"It's a little bittersweet," said his mother, Kim Sater.

She said one thing that's always amazed her was the amount of money the kids were able to raise. One girl, who



Ben Sater, right, and his mother Kim, left, hold a check reflecting the amount raised by their organization KidSwing Monday, July 19, 2010 in McKinney, Texas.

has also been a patient at the hospital, has raised more than \$50,000, she said.

To play, each child is asked

to raise \$100 by getting sponsorships from friends and family. This year, about 140 kids participated in the tournament

Monday in McKinney, located just north of Dallas, and more than 300 played in the Dallas tournament in June.

J.C. Montgomery Jr., president of Scottish Rite, said that the tournament does more than raise money, it also makes many new friends for the hospital.

He said the money raised this year will go to help patients who have hand issues.

The tournaments, he said, stand out among fundraisers for the hospital because of the involvement of children.

"They run it; they raise the money," he said.

The tournament has a kids committee and an adult committee. The children's duties include choosing the T-shirt design and fundraising prizes and helping set the day's program.

Sater, who graduated from high school in Plano in June, became a patient at Scottish Rite at the age of 3 when he had surgery on a pinky and thumb for a condition called trigger finger, which causes fingers to lock or catch in a bent position. He had surgery again at the age of 10 on three more affected fingers.

Boys have lagged behind girls in reading achievement for more than 20 years, but the gender gap now exists in nearly every state and has widened to mammoth proportions—as much as 10 percentage points in some, according to the Center on Education Policy.

"It certainly should set off alarm bells," said the center's director, Jack Jennings. "It's a significant separation."

Parents of reluctant readers complain that boys are forced to stick to stuffy required school lists that exclude nonfiction or silly subjects, or have teachers who cater to higher achievers and girls. They're hoping books that exploit boys' love of bodily functions and gross-out humor can close the gap.

"It's like pulling out fingernails. He absolutely does not want to read," said Muscle Shoals, Ala., dad Todd Thompson of his 13-year-old, Hunter. "I read constantly growing up. So did his mother. So does his 8-year-old sister, but he's a go-go kid. To him, books are a waste of time."

Growing up in Grand Rapids, Mich., the 47-year-old Thompson loved two things: football and books. His mom encouraged regular trips to the library. His dad inspired him to dig into the Chip Hilton sports novels written by legendary basketball coach Clair Bee.

Thompson and his wife did the same with their reading allergic son. No-go. They've tried bribing him with new video games. Nope. While they've never considered doling out cash for reading, other parents unabashedly do.

"Some books can be pretty

## Boys trail girls in reading; can fart jokes help?

By LEANNE ITALIE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

boring and I just don't feel like reading them," said Hunter, a good student who reads what he has to for school. "I think a lot of boys feel like that."

The angst among parents, teachers and librarians has been met by a steady stream of sports and historical nonfiction, potty humor, bloodthirsty vampires and action-packed graphic novels, fantasy and sleuthing.

Butts, farts. Whatever, said Amelia Yunker, a children's librarian in Farmington Hills, Mich. She hosted a grossology party with slime and an armpit noise demonstration. "Just get 'em reading. Worry about what they're reading later."

Adding online tie-ins or packaged prizes like the steady-selling "39 Clues" series has publishers meeting young readers halfway.

Patrick Carman has gone a step further with his wicked creepy "Skeleton Creek" series from Scholastic. The upper-grade books use password-protected websites to alternate book text and quick fixes of shaky, hand-held video. To follow the story, reading and watching online are both required.

"We're meeting them halfway," Carman said. "It's the idea that these books understand where they're at."

Farts are Ray Sabini's half-way point for younger kids. The fourth grade teacher from Miller Place, outside New York City, heard from dozens of grateful parents, teachers and li-

brarians after he self-published his "SweetFarts" in 2008 under the name Raymond Bean.

The book chronicles a 9-year-old boy's multimillion-dollar

children's humor in October on little more than word of mouth and prompted a sequel, "Sweet Farts: Rippin' it Old-School," to be released next month.



This Wednesday, July 14, 2010 photo shows teacher and author Ray Sabini, who goes by the pen name Raymond Bean, during an interview about his book for middle grade readers, "Sweet Farts, Rippin' it Old-School," in New York.

science fair invention of tablets that can change foul-smelling gas into the culprit's scent of choice: summer rose, cotton candy, grape - even pickles, as requested by his little sister. It climbed to No. 3 on Amazon in

"Reaching those reluctant boys, it's a challenge I take very, very seriously and this is what they think is funny," Sabini said. There's also history in there. There's science in there, the problem of bullying, but it's the

humor that gets their attention."

Jon Scieszka, a former teacher and Library of Congress literary ambassador for young people's lit, has been writing kid books for 20 years. He started Guyreads.com to better connect boys with appealing text and begins his "Space-headz" series (Simon & Schuster) about TV-saturated aliens in September, complete with websites that offer more.

"We have to meet them where they are," he said. "We need to engage kids in this 21st century world but it doesn't have to be either-or, the digital world or a book."

Scieszka's not convinced educators know how to hook boys, especially when it comes to required reading.

"Boys will read a wide variety of stuff, not just gross-out humor, but stuff they enjoy in large part is stuff that's not seen as legitimate reading in some schools, so they're already feeling they're not part of the system."

Grossology shouldn't be underestimated in boyland. Scholastic's poop fiction star, Dav Pilkey, and his "Captain Underpants" graphic series remains immensely popular among both genders. Pilkey is bringing back his fourth-grade narrators minus their superhero on Aug. 10 in "The Adventures of Ook and Gluk," about two kung-fu lovin' caveboys sucked into the future.

In Barrington, Ill., Jennifer Lucas said reading is tough for her 10-year-old son, Sean. She

thinks teachers in the lower grades don't fully understand boy energy in the classroom.

"It's hard for first- and second-grade boys to sit still and learn things the way girls do, like through songs," she said. "I think they want so much out of boys when it comes to reading, and they're not ready."

Cathy Walker, who teaches fourth grade in Raleigh, N.C., is always looking for ways to engage hard-to-reach boys. She stumbled on Sabini's "SweetFarts" on Amazon, read it for herself and knew it would be a hit all around.

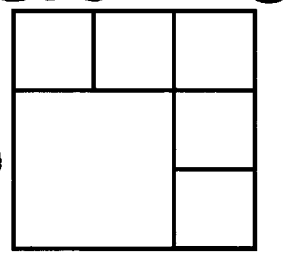
"It's a topic most teachers and parents don't openly discuss," she said. "It's a great way for boys to engage in topics that are 'taboo' and because of that, they enjoy them even more."

Best-selling author James Patterson knows from personal experience how hard it can be. Son Jack is a great reader now, at age 12, but that wasn't true when he was younger. "He wouldn't sit down with a book, beyond what he had to do in school."

Patterson hunted down quality reads for a user-friendly website, Readkiddoread.com, and began writing for young people, including the "Daniel X" alien hunter series that has a new installment out this month.

"I think it can turn around for a lot of kids. Parents have to take the responsibility seriously. Schools need to be more practical, meaning they need to understand that reading lists are tremendously important but you have to put books on it that the kids are going to respond to," he said. "Reading is such a necessary thing to take you through life."

## PUZZLE CARD



**DIVIDE AND CONQUER!** Draw a square on a sheet of paper and challenge your friends to divide it into six smaller squares using four straight lines. When they give up, finish the puzzle as shown above.

**A TRICKY TEST!** See if you can arrange the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 into a math expression where, by multiplying two of these digits by one of the other digits, you will get a product that is equal to the remaining two digits.

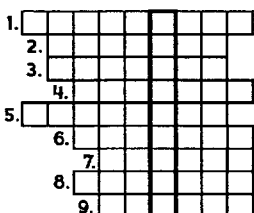
Answer:  $13 \times 4 = 52$

**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "STREET." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

Answer: (Across): Pet, oar, use, tree. (Down): Foul, ease, tree.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



**DON'T "WHIFF" ON THIS ONE!**

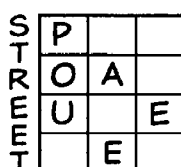
It's time to test your baseball knowledge. In our puzzle grid there is room to list nine cities that host a

baseball team. Below you'll find a list of team nicknames. See if you can identify the cities that each team plays for.

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| 1. Orioles | 6. Brewers   |
| 2. Cubs    | 7. Red Sox   |
| 3. Astros  | 8. Blue Jays |
| 4. Angels  | 9. Padres    |
| 5. Expos   |              |

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly name the nine cities asked for, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a great, old-time baseball pitcher.

Answers: 1. Baltimore, 2. Chicago, 3. Houston, 4. Anaheim, 5. Montreal, 6. Milwaukee, 7. Boston, 8. Toronto, 9. San Diego. The pitcher's name in the dark frame is (Christy) Mathewson.



## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

■ It was British mathematician, historian and philosopher Bertrand Russell who made the following sage observation: "If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their own happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have paradise in a few years."

■ Do you know why camels are artiodactyls, while humans aren't? It's because dromedaries have an even number of toes (two) on each foot, while we have an odd number.

■ According to a poll conducted in the United Kingdom, 80 percent of male college freshmen and sophomores in that country have never done a load of laundry in their lives.

■ At weddings here in the United States, it is common for the bride to toss her bouquet to determine who will be the next to be married. At weddings in Finland the custom is a bit different, though the outcome is the same: There, the bride traditionally wears a golden crown, and at the reception she is blindfolded and spun around. Then all the single girls in attendance dance around her while the bride, still blindfolded, tries to place the crown on one of them. It's believed that the lucky girl who ends up wearing the crown will be the next to wed.

■ It takes about 2.5 pounds of grapes to make a single bottle of wine.

■ Ever wonder where the phrase "cool as a cucumber" came from? It's actually an established fact that the interior of a cucumber can be up to 20 degrees cooler than the ambient air temperature surrounding it.

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Thought for the Day: "Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex and more violent. It takes a touch of genius—and a lot of courage—to move in the opposite direction."—Albert Einstein

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## ROBIN HOOD MAGIC MAZE • CHARACTERS

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N F L A R R I S K L H C U M A

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Alan-A-Dale	Marian	Robin	Sir Ivor
Bess	Much	Sheriff	Sir Ralf
Lady Cluck	Prince John	Sir Essex	Will
Little John	Richard I	Sir Guy	

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

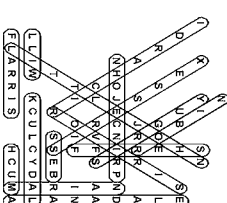
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### MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



ROBIN HOOD CHARACTERS

### GO FIGURE ANSWER

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## Summer reading

The Dog Days are here. It's hot, Independence Day is well past, and Labor Day is a long way off. Here are a few books that can alleviate the summer doldrums:

### "Head to Tail Wellness: Western Veterinary Medicine Meets Eastern Wisdom" by Stacy Fuchino, V.M.D.

Alternative medicine has gotten side-wise looks in the past from vets and owners alike. It's fine to go to an acupuncturist yourself, but what good does it do for a dog or cat? Dr. Stacy Fuchino, who has augmented his degree in veterinary medicine with studies in Eastern medicine and Feng Shui, argues that it does a world of good. He presents case studies from his own practice of pets with chronic illnesses that improved following treatment with a combination of Western medical treatment and Eastern practices.

### "Cat-echisms: Fundamentals of Feline Faith" by Ellis Weiner & Barbara Davilman

This is a fine example of the pet-persona genre, which many cat lovers probably will find endearing. "Cat-echisms," as the title suggests, bases its style on the Catholic method of outlining fundamental beliefs and principles through a question-and-answer series. This is a small book, short enough to read in one sitting or just to leave on



your coffee table.

### "Stay" by Allie Larkin

Finally, a bit of fiction to chew on. "Stay" takes a fur-laden twist when our heroine, Savannah, impulsively buys a puppy off the Internet. (I won't go into all the reasons why Internet pet sales are wrong, but the author does take pains to point out many of them.) If you've ever owned a big dog, you'll immediately identify with Joe and Savannah's first day together. The slobbery wake-up call. The harrying first walk with an excited canine. The big pile of poo on the carpet. Yes, it's not your typical romance novel. But it's definitely worth a read.

Send your pet questions and tips to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com), or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at [www.pawscorner.com](http://www.pawscorner.com).

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## Get-together ideas for summer fun

Summertime offers unique opportunities to enjoy memorable moments outside appreciating nature and spending extra time with family and friends. Here are some get-together ideas and activities to connect with others in the great outdoors, even when the temperatures soar.

### ORGANIZE A SUMMER "PICNIC CLUB"

Set picnic dates with several families to meet at designated parks, nature reserves and/or beaches regularly until the end of summer. Divvy up the food and drinks, and bring snacks, main dishes, salads and beverages to share.

For a grand finale, gather on Labor Day weekend in September and enjoy showing pictures and talking about memories of your special times together.

### PLAN COOL GAMES TO BEAT THE HEAT

Whether you're organizing a family reunion, a birthday party picnic or a barbecue at a neighborhood park, summer heat can affect even the best-planned party.

To keep everyone smiling, play "Ice Meltdown." Grab some ice cubes from the freezer or a picnic cooler and give one ice cube to each player. See who can melt his or her ice cube first. The ice must be touching the player's body at all times until it's completely melted. But you can't put it in your mouth!

Play "cooperative water balloon volleyball." First, set up a volleyball or badminton net and make some water balloons. To play, toss a water balloon from one side of the net to the player(s)

## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

on the other side. The object of the game is to see how many times the water balloon can be thrown over the net without breaking. Or, if you need a little change of pace, play "non-cooperatively" by trying to make the other side miss catching the water balloon. Either way, players are guaranteed to get

wet and cool off.

Note: Make sure to dispose of all balloon pieces properly.

### OUTDOOR STORY TIME

When young cousins or friends come to visit overnight, enjoy the longer days of sunlight and read favorite children's bedtime stories outside before tucking them all into bed indoors.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Life & Style

## Stallone, Austin, and Lundgren toughen up Comic-Con

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—It started with chants of “Rocky, Rocky,” and ended with Sylvester Stallone accepting accolades Thursday from the Guinness Book of World Records for creating the most successful sports franchise in film history: “Rocky.”

Stallone and a cast of tough guys came to Comic-Con to present their new movie, “The Expendables.”

Steve Austin, Terry Crews, Randy Couture and Dolph Lundgren appeared alongside Stallone, the film’s writer, director and star.

As Crews was introduced, he unbuttoned his shirt and made his pec muscles dance. He later did the same with his biceps.

The former football star described the film as “the manliest movie ever made” in which the actors did their own stunts and the fight scenes were real.

Austin broke Stallone’s neck during one scene, sending the star to the hospital for surgery.

Lundgren, who sent Stallone into intensive care when they made “Rocky IV” together, said he was thrilled to work with the filmmaker again and be part of such a big, tough cast.

“It was a great experience for me,” he said, “one that only



AP Actor and director Sylvester Stallone discusses his feature film “The Expendables” at Comic Con in San Diego, Calif. on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

comes along once in your career.”

Bruce Willis popped by unannounced to thank Stallone for casting him in a cameo role in the film. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger also makes an appearance in the movie.

Near the end of Thursday’s hourlong presentation, a representative from the Guinness Book of World Records presented Stallone and Lundgren with plaques marking their record-breaking achievement.

Stallone said he had planned to retire after concluding his “Rocky” franchise with 2006’s “Rocky Balboa.”

But after the success of that film, and “Rambo,” which followed, he said he “got greedy again” and wrote “The Ex-

pendables,” which opens next month. Comic-Con continues through Sunday at the San Diego Convention Center.

### COMIC-CON BRIEFS

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Will Ferrell kicked off Comic-Con in costume.

The funnyman stepped onto the pop-culture convention’s stage Thursday decked out as his villainous animated character from the upcoming Dreamworks superhero tale “Megamind.”

Ferrell, donning blue face paint and a bulbous helmet, also brought breakfast for the attendees, which numbered more than 6,000: a box of doughnuts and a jug of orange juice.

“I didn’t think there would be so many of you,” Ferrell joked.

Ferrell was joined by his costumeless co-stars Tina Fey and Jonah Hill, who respectively play a perky reporter and nerdy cameraman caught in the middle of a battle between a superhero and supervillain.

When asked to name his real-life arch rival, Hill teased that Mel Gibson’s ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva was his nemesis.

“I just want to come out and officially support Mel,” Hill deadpanned.

Brad Pitt, who plays the muscle-bound protagonist in “Megamind,” was also in attendance—albeit in cardboard cutout form.

“Megamind” director Tom McGrath joked that Pitt’s partner, Angelina Jolie, was appearing on the Comic-Con stage later Thursday to promote her action-thriller “Salt,” so “someone had to watch the kids.”

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Before

Joss Whedon and J.J. Abrams got too deep into a discussion about pop culture, Whedon confirmed some major Marvel news: He’s directing “The Avengers.”

He made the announcement Thursday at Comic-Con, San Diego’s annual pop-culture convention.

In a panel moderated by Jeff Jensen of Entertainment Weekly, Abrams and Whedon discussed the future of 3-D, the viability of the Internet as a vehicle for original programming and what they love about comics, sci-fi and making movies.

Whedon says he’s working on the outline for the “Avengers” script.

Abrams says he’ll start shooting his new film, “Super 8,” in September.

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—The follow-up film to 1982’s “Tron” wowed the high-tech crowd at Comic-Con.

The cast and creators of “Tron: Legacy” discussed the new film and shared about eight minutes of 3-D footage with some 6,000 fans at the annual pop-culture convention Thursday.

The clip centered on the character of Sam Flynn, played by Garrett Hedlund, entering the digital world where his father disappeared decades earlier.

Hedlund is shown being whisked away from the real world, stripped of his clothes and dressed in the glowing suit that has become a symbol of

the “Tron” world.

The actors wore custom-made illuminated suits wired with electricity during filming.

“It was an honor to be able to wear something like that,” said star Olivia Wilde. “It was really beautiful.”

Jeff Bridges, who reprises his role as Kevin Flynn from the original film, said, “we were working with black velvet and white adhesive tape” back in the ‘80s.

The Oscar winner actually plays two characters in “Tron: Legacy,” including a younger version of himself achieved with computer effects.

Director Joe Kosinski thanked Comic-Con fans for helping make the “Tron” sequel a reality. He said fan reaction to early sketches from the new film at Comic-Con two years ago helped secure funding for “Tron: Legacy.”

The film was shot entirely in 3-D, Kosinski said, using cameras developed by James Cameron.

Michael Sheen, another star of the film, noted that “Tron: Legacy” is actually in 4-D.

“It’s a 4-D film because Jeff Bridges brings an extra dimension of awesomeness,” Sheen said.

Bridges said the second film appealed to him for the same reasons the first did 27 years ago.

“It tickled the kid in me, to be sucked inside the computer,” he said.

“Tron: Legacy” opens in December.

### DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## †Doris Taisakan Ogumoro

Born to Life: March 8, 1957 • Born to Eternal Life: July 21, 2010

#### Predeceased by:

**Husband:** Joseph Taman Ogumoro  
**Parents:** Benedicto Satur Taisakan  
Magdalena Igisaiair Taisakan  
**Mother In Law:** Estefania Taman Ogumoro

#### Will live in the hearts of her:

**Children:** Lorraine Ogumoro/Joaquin Igisomar (Junior/Trey)  
Lorna Ilap O./Francisco Romeo O. Iginoef (Leimal, Schuubwe, Leilis)  
Laurie Lem Ogumoro/Tyron R. Fitial (Asal)  
Rona Lemfiisch  
John Diego T. Rebuenog/Elsie S. Tilipao (Alexi, Zoya, Jazel Star, Maya)  
Paul C. Santos

**Father In Law:** Daniel Rogolifoi Ogumoro

#### Brothers/Sisters:

Joaquina T./†Ignacio T. Mendiola, Rosa T./†Theodore Joab, Malua T./David K. Peter, Ignacia T./Guillermo L. Saures, Antonio N./Mary Susan S. Satur, Ramona T./Juan Diego F. Rebuenog, Valentino I./Chris Taisakan, Domitilla T. Taisakan/Santiago L. Saures, Sinforosa T./Pedro S. Kaipat, Engracia T./Juan K. Pelisamen, Marina T./†Luis Iguel, Combiniano I. Taisakan, Maria T./Leo L. Saures

#### In-Laws

Representative Felicidad T. Ogumoro/+Francisco T. Uludong, Merced T. Ogumoro, Martina O./Donald C. Barcinas, Joaquin T./Lauri B. Ogumoro, Laura T. Ogumoro/John M. Tagabuel, Therese T. Ogumoro, Paul T./Shirley C. Ogumoro, Carmilynn T. Ogumoro

On Sunday, July 25, 2010 at 4:00 PM her remains will be escorted from the CHC Morgue to her residence in Capitol Hill for wake services. Resoponso will follow at 7:30 PM.

On Monday, July 26, 2010 at 9:30 AM our beloved will be escorted from her residence in Capitol Hill to the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM, followed by interment service at the Mount Carmel cemetery. Lunch will follow immediately.

## Angelina Jolie says she was scarred by ‘Salt’

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—She wasn’t in 3-D. She wasn’t computer generated. She wasn’t even wearing a costume.

That didn’t stop Angelina Jolie, clad in a snug shiny black jacket, from dazzling the crowd at Comic-Con on Thursday afternoon as she promoted her spy action-thriller “Salt,” which opens Friday.

“She’s so pretty,” said convention goer Christina Torres, who waited Thursday morning in a line that snaked outside the San Diego Convention Center to catch Jolie in the flesh. “I mean, I always knew she was pretty, but when you see in her person, you realize just how pretty she is.”

The A-list actress tiptoed around fan questions about her mysterious character Evelyn



AP Actress Angelina Jolie arrives at panel for the movie “Salt” at Comic-Con International Thursday, July 22, 2010 in San Diego.

Salt, who may or may not be a Russian spy.

“There’s a real duplicity to her personality,” she said.

“There’s a part of her that’s not necessarily a good guy, and because of certain things that happened to her, she’s a bit damaged. She’s not just heroic. She’s not even. She’s not just brave. There’s something a little off about her, and maybe there’s something off about me.”

Jolie performed her own stunts in “Salt” and recounted an on-set injury to the audience that left her scarred. She sliced open part of her face just above her nose when tumbling into a doorway with a gun.

Jolie said she first thought she suffered a concussion because she couldn’t hear anything, but later realized she was wearing earplugs.

Comic-Con continues at the San Diego Convention Center through Sunday.

# Actor Orlando Bloom and model Miranda Kerr marry

SYDNEY (AP)—Actor Orlando Bloom and model Miranda Kerr have married, her employer said Friday.

Upscale Australian department store David Jones, which employs the 27-year-old Australian model as a fashion ambassador, said she will not attend a Spring season launch on Aug. 3 because she was honeymooning with the 33-year-old British star of "Lord of the Rings" and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

"Given the exiting news that Miranda and Orlando have recently wed and will be enjoying their honeymoon together, Miranda will not be with us" for the launch, David Jones spokeswoman Colette Garnsey said in

In this Tuesday July 13, 2010 picture, actor Orlando Bloom and model Miranda Kerr, pose for a photograph before he received an honorary degree from the University of Kent during a ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral in Canterbury, England.

AP



## Guillermo del Toro to direct new 'Haunted Mansion'

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Guillermo del Toro will direct a new movie remake of Disney's "Haunted Mansion."

The Oscar winner made the announcement Thursday at Comic-Con, San Diego's annual pop culture convention.

Del Toro said his film will be a scary 3-D, live-action take on what he called "the most precious real estate on Earth."

"We're making it into an e-

ticket ride," del Toro said. "It will be scary and fun at the same time."

The new movie will be true to the "spirit, art and aesthetic" of the original Disneyland Haunted Mansion, where del Toro has made an annual pilgrimage since he was 3.

He said he goes on the ride to clear his head and has a Haunted Mansion-themed room at his house.

The film reboot will reintroduce the character of the Hatbox Ghost, whom del Toro described as critical to the Mansion's mythology.

The director said his movie won't be a comedy and won't star Eddie Murphy, who ap-

peared in a previous cinematic take on the popular ride.

"This, to me, is a dream come true," del Toro said, "and I hope to steal as many props as possible."

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## 'Bones' extra sues David Boreanaz for harassment

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Bones" star David Boreanaz was sued Thursday for alleged sexual harassment by a woman who appeared as an extra on the show last year.

Kristina Hagan sued Boreanaz and 20th Century Fox Television for more than \$25,000 on sexual harassment and intentional infliction of emotional distress claims.

Her lawsuit alleges the actor repeatedly tried to kiss and fondle her after she appeared as an extra on the show in August. It claimed that incidents occurred in several locations, including the actor's car.

The suit claims she repeated-

ly met with the actor because he promised her a recurring role on the Fox TV series, but that role never developed.

"The allegations concerning any alleged inappropriate conduct by David Boreanaz are totally fabricated and absurd," Boreanaz publicist Holly Shakoor said in a statement. "There is no validity to this lawsuit."

An e-mail message to a 20th Century Fox publicist was not immediately returned.

Hagan is being represented by Los Angeles attorney Gloria Allred, who said her client is "looking forward to her day in court."



Boreanaz

## Justin Bieber to guest star on CBS drama 'CSI'

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Bieber will guest star in the upcoming season of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."

CBS said in a statement Thursday that Bieber will play "a troubled teen who is faced with a terrible decision regarding his only brother." He'll make his "CSI" debut on the season premiere scheduled for Sept. 23.

The network didn't say how many episodes will include the

16-year-old teen pop sensation, but called his character's plot line "an emotional story that will conclude later in the season."

ABC recently announced that Bieber will also make a cameo in the second season of "Shaq Vs.," the reality competition series with Shaquille O'Neal.

The NBA star will visit Bieber and join in a dance crew competition.



Bieber

## Guilt keeps couple trapped in mom's basement apartment

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 25 and live in my mother's basement apartment with my boyfriend. We would like to be married soon, now that we're out of school and have stable careers. But I insist that we move out of Mom's house before making any permanent plans.

The problem is my mom, who is divorced, is unemployed and a social phobic, with few friends.

We provide her with financial support by paying several hundred dollars a month in rent, in addition to other bills. She helps me with a loan when the rare emergency arises.

Every time I mention moving out, she becomes angry with me. She cries that she'll be left alone with no money—and it makes me feel so guilty I relent. I have no idea what to do. My older sister, who is married with two children, might be able to help me out, but we have never been close and I'm reluctant to ask for her advice. Please help, Abby.

MAMA'S GIRL IN ROSWELL, GA.

**DEAR MAMA'S GIRL:** You are not the solution to your mother's problems. The time has come for you to spread your wings and fly the nest. Before you leave, be sure the apartment is in the freshest condition possible so it can be rented and your mother will have some income. She will probably need professional help to overcome her ingrained social insecurities—so encourage her to get it. (Some licensed psychotherapists specialize in phobic disorders.) It will change her life—and yours—for the better.

**DEAR ABBY:** If a girl ever needed advice, it's me. My father walked out 20 years ago, leaving four children and a disabled wife. He just vanished. We grew up and I searched for him. Because of the power of the Internet, I was contacted by his family, and Dad was found. He had reunited with his sister, who updated me.

Now I'm faced with the dilemma of how to speak to him for the first time since I was in diapers, and I am angry. My aunt advises me not to ask for answers to questions like "why" because I may not get them. Of the things he did say to her, not once did he express remorse.

I guess what I'm asking is how to talk to this stranger who altered my life. Most of what I have are questions. How am I not entitled to answers? Abby, this has been a long search and now that I have succeeded, I don't know what to do.

STRESSED IN TEXAS

**DEAR STRESSED:** Your anger is justified. Unless he was locked in a mental ward, a man who would leave a disabled wife and four small children and "just vanish" is someone with no concern for anyone other than himself. Approach him with the same caution you would any other stranger, because that's what he is. Because this is stressful, list your questions in advance so you won't forget any. But I'm warning you: Do not allow him to make you feel sorry for him.

**DEAR ABBY:** Last night while walking my dog I noticed the lights in my neighbor's car had been left on. It was after midnight and his house was dark. I am not particularly close to this neighbor, although we acknowledge each other in passing. I rang his doorbell, but he didn't answer. The next morning as I left for work I saw the lights in his car were still on.

What is appropriate in this situation, Abby? Would people want to be told, or is it better to let them sleep?

CARING NEIGHBOR, BOULDER, COLO.

**DEAR NEIGHBOR:** I can't speak for everyone, but I know I would much prefer to have someone ring my bell and tell me I forgot to turn off the lights than have to deal with a dead battery in the morning.

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## 2 arrested at likely NY Clinton wedding site

RHINEBECK, N.Y. (AP)—Two Norwegian journalists face trespassing charges after they were arrested snapping photos of the New York estate where Chelsea Clinton is expected to get married.

Thomas Bjorn Nilsson, 43, of New York, and Kjerste Sortland, 41, of Snorova, Norway, were charged with a violation after they were stopped around 2

p.m. Wednesday on the Astor Estate in this picturesque town along the Hudson River 90 miles north of New York City, according to Maj. Michael A. Kopy of the New York State Police.

Media reports indicate Chelsea Clinton, the daughter of former President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, will marry investment banker Marc Mezvinsky on Saturday, July 31, at the estate.

Reached in Oslo, Helje Solberg, managing editor for the newspaper Verdens Gang, said police went overboard when Nilsson and Sortland tried to take pictures of the gate. She said they were not on the property.

"We did not realize it was forbidden to take the picture of the gate of the house where the Clinton wedding is to be," she said.

Solberg said the paper will pay the fine—in New York, trespassing is a violation punishable by up to 15 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$250—even though "we see this as an overreaction."

"The Clinton wedding has a public interest," Solberg said.

Kopy said police have gotten more calls than usual related to the estate, designed by renowned architect



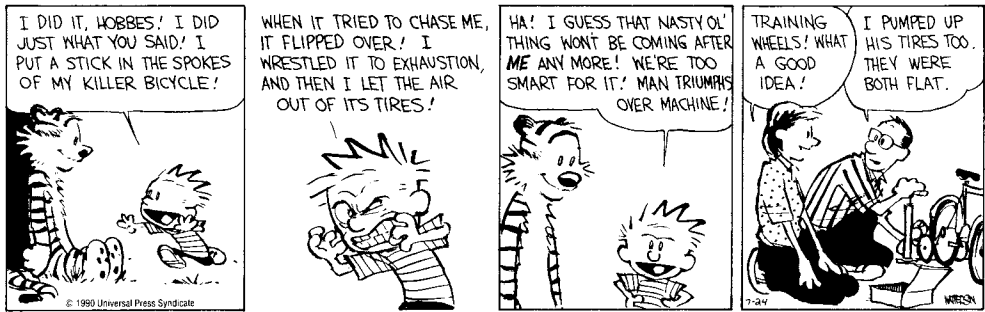
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Stanford White for John Jacob Astor IV, the early 20th-century millionaire who died when the Titanic went down. It was recently on the market for \$12 million, real estate agents said.

Rhinebeck, a town of about 8,000, is just 75 miles from the home in Chappaqua, N.Y., that the former president and first lady bought before Hillary Clinton's successful run for the U.S. Senate in 2000. The Clintons have passed through the town a number of times.

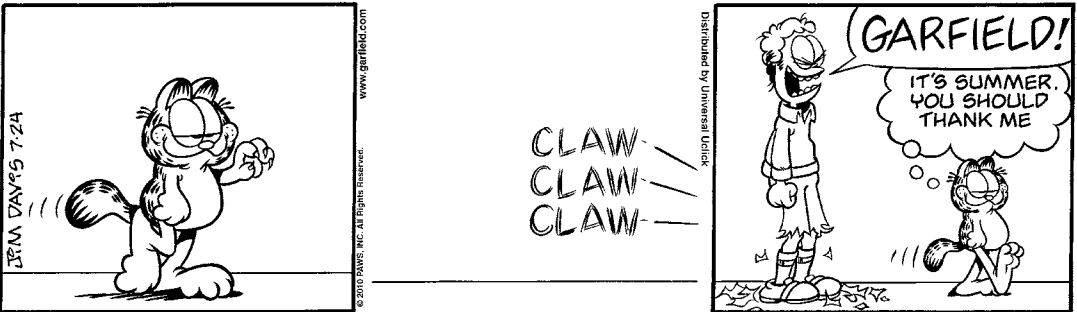
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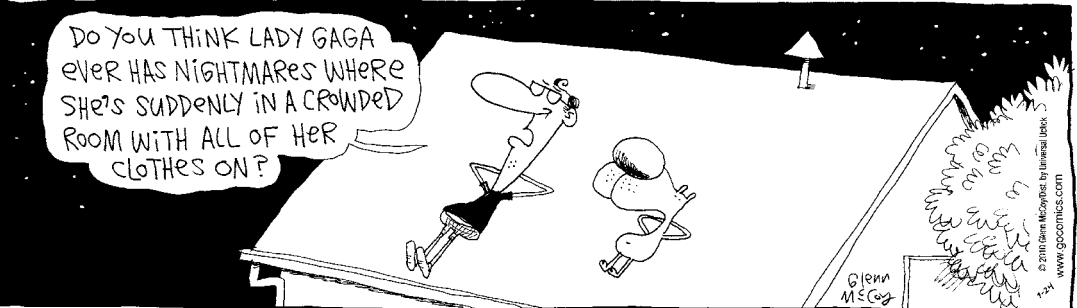
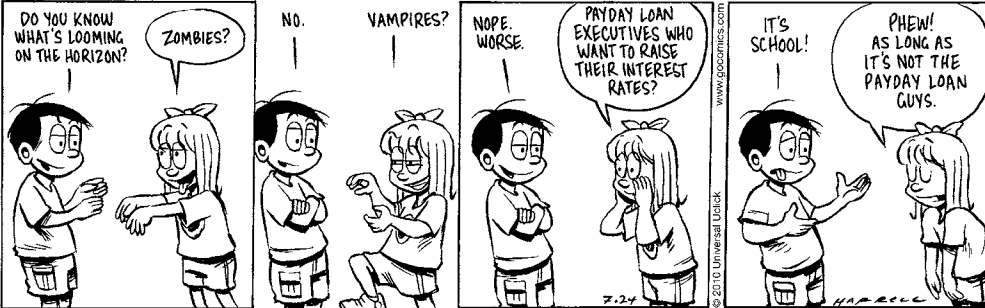


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**Solution time: 27 mins.**

Yesterday's answer 7-24

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Anna Paquin, 28; Jennifer Lopez, 41; Kristin Chenoweth, 42; Barry Bonds, 46

**Happy Birthday:** Strive for uniqueness in all that you do and you will dominate the competition. You will instinctively know when to make a financial, legal, contractual or medical move that will benefit you long-term. This is a good year to increase what you have to offer. Addressing emotional issues will lead to better relationships. Your numbers are 1, 5, 13, 25, 28, 33, 42

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You have to let go of the negative and embrace the positive. Create your own opportunities and you'll get the recognition you deserve. Confidence will win over the support you need to keep moving forward. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Deal with matters as soon as they arise to avoid being blamed for withholding information. Your dedication and hard work will pay off. Don't worry too much about what others do or say. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Do whatever it takes to build your self-confidence. Invest in yourself—sign up for courses, attend a seminar or conference or simply pamper yourself so you look and feel great. Expect to find or come into a little cash. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can clear up any situation that has been bothering you if you ask direct questions and share your thoughts. Emotions will be hard to hide but your ability to handle delicate matters will surprise you and bring good results. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Use your experience and everything you've learned in the past to take care of whatever needs to be fixed. Interact with people who can offer you a different perspective. Your life will be altered by a change in the way you see and do things. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Minimize your efforts to reform or redo. Overspending, overindulging or overreacting will hold you back. Spend time with someone you love. If you are single, social events will lead to new relationships that have potential. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Hone your skills and spend time giving back to organizations and people that have helped you in the past. Stick to the truth and you will avoid being questioned and blamed for misleading someone who has the potential to affect your future personally or professionally. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Lend a helping hand and you will get far more in return. The people you connect with will offer you insight into future trends. Someone who offers you a favor will have a greater interest in you than you realize. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Whether you travel mentally or physically, you will learn something about yourself. A relationship needs to be adjusted to better suit where you are in life and where you are heading. You cannot stay put for the wrong reasons. ★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Get rid of any personal or professional debt you've been carrying. You need to put

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the past behind you once and for all, so you can move forward. A commitment to someone will help you let go of negative memories and attachments. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Fix a problem you are experiencing with one of your friends or lovers. A conversation from the heart will help you smooth things over so that you can move forward. Your ability to come up with solutions will be impressive. ★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take an interest in community or work-related events. You will meet the perfect group or partner to complement an idea and money-making plan you want to develop. Romance is in a high cycle. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are industrious and leave nothing to chance. You are adaptable, broadminded and like a change of pace.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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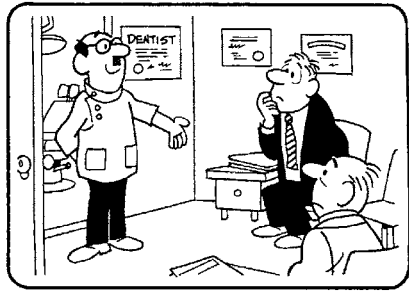
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**Yesterday's Answer: Tidy**

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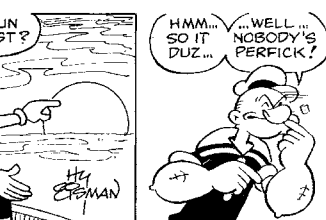
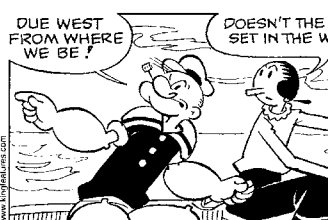
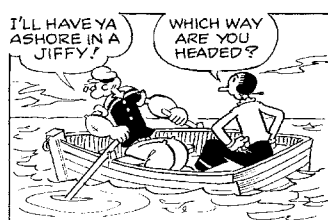
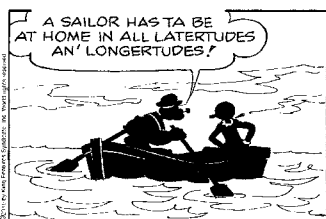
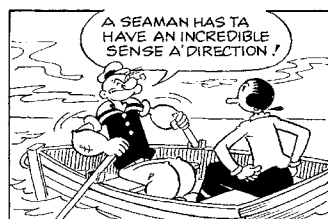
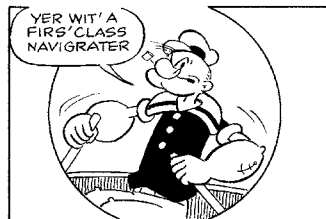
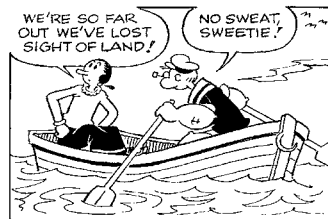
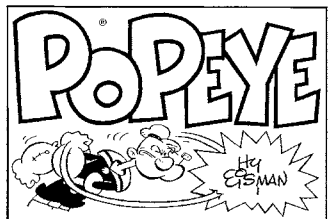
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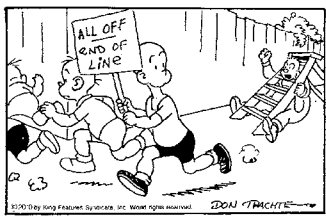
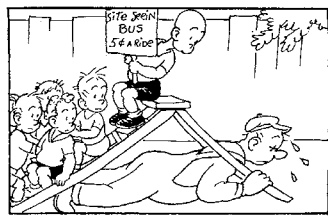
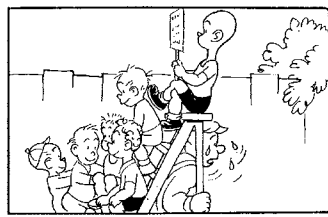
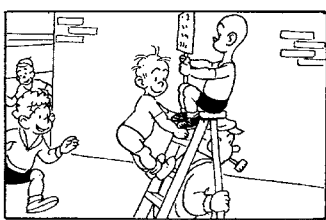
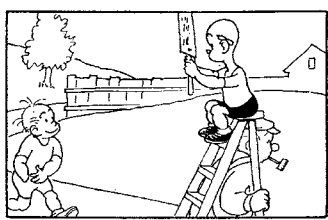
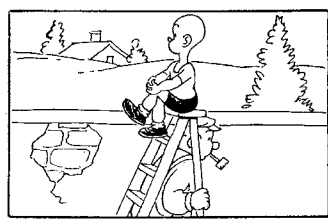
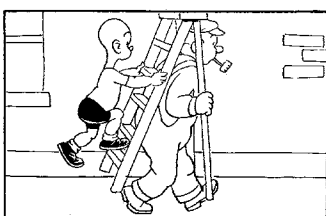
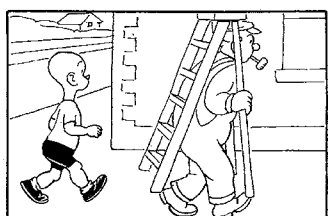
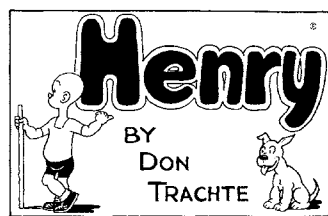
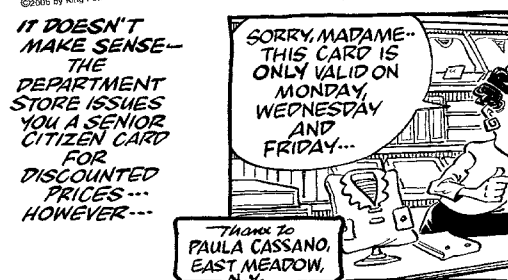
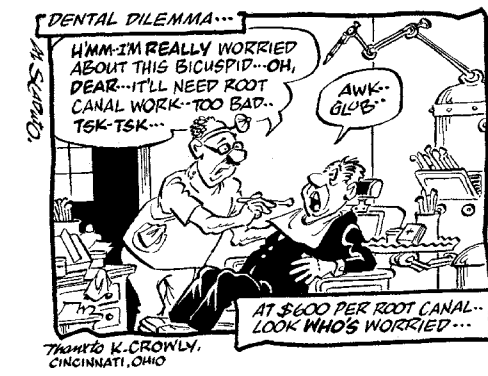
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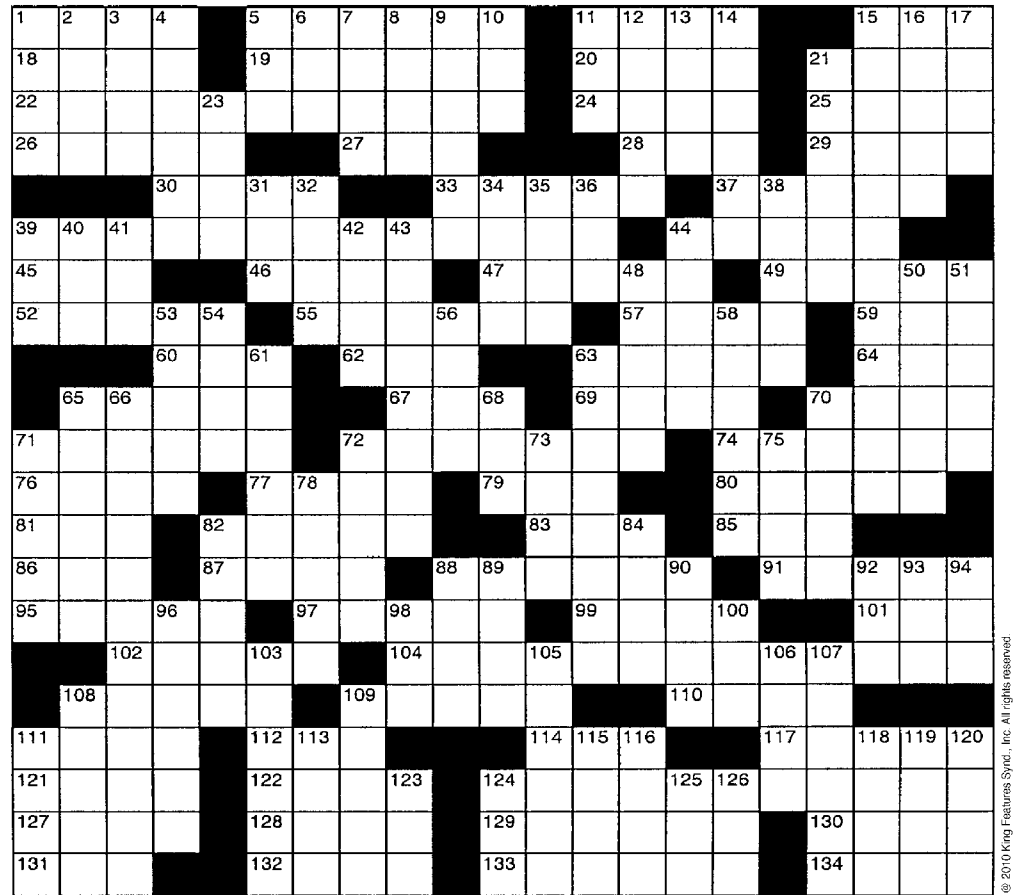
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- 67 — -Magnon
- 69 Roll-call reply
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- 79 "Agnus —"
- 80 Wonderful
- 81 Conductor Queler
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- 95 Take the honey and run
- 97 Walker's "The — Purple"
- 99 Pat on the buns?
- 101 Sign a contract
- 102 Declaim
- 104 Start of an African anthem?
- 108 Nasty
- 109 Puccini's "— Lescout"
- 110 Secure the ship
- 111 Scoundrels
- 112 Cow's cry
- 114 LP successors
- 117 Most minute
- 121 Potpourri
- 122 British buggy
- 124 African movie theme song?
- 127 Wise — owl
- 128 Turner or Wood
- 129 Aromatic plant
- 130 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
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- 11 Security grp.
- 12 Ann —, MI
- 13 New Mexico resort
- 14 Court sport
- 15 Beach Boys' African hit?
- 16 Knock for — (astonish)
- 17 Skirt feature
- 21 One of the Borgias
- 23 Soccer superstar
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- 32 Parisian pronoun
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- 41 Tierra — Fuego
- 42 Connecticut campus
- 43 Grabbed
- 44 Start wool gathering
- 48 Mail madness
- 50 Upshot
- 51 Proverb
- 53 It'll give you a weigh
- 54 Jackrabbit, for one
- 56 O'Hara homestead
- 58 Settle a score
- 61 Go to bed
- 63 Certain singer
- 65 Make a pile
- 66 African actress?
- 68 Peculiar
- 70 Pursues
- 71 — suzette
- 72 Philosophy
- 73 Paper quantity
- 75 Perry's creator
- 78 Sib's kid
- 82 Trepidation
- 84 It may be small
- 88 Mindy of "The Facts of Life"
- 89 Approximately
- 90 Abound (with)
- 92 Archaic contraction
- 93 Compass pt.
- 94 Scrape by, with "out"
- 96 Bastille, e.g.
- 98 Mauna —
- 100 Yoko —
- 103 Curly Shirley
- 105 Stick-in-the-mud?
- 106 Cry of distress
- 107 "Lonesome Tonight?" ('60 hit)
- 108 Taco topping
- 109 Haunted-house sounds
- 111 Paint layer
- 113 Spoken
- 115 Barry or Brubeck
- 116 Stocking mishap
- 118 Baseball's Slaughter
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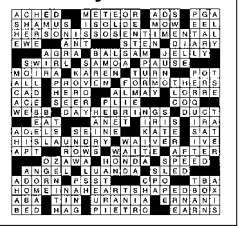
**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

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4. BIBLE: What kind of birds did Noah send out to find dry land?
5. MUSIC: Which pop music song contained the phrase "You can't hide your lyin' eyes"?
6. ART: Which Spanish Renaissance painter was famous for the creating the work called "Burial of the Count of Orgaz"?
7. LANDMARKS: In modern estimates, about how long is the Great Wall of China?
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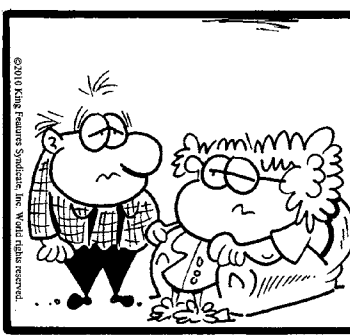
1. IBM
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6. El Greco
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9. Heide Caraway of Arkansas
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# Contador closes in on 3rd Tour title in 4 years



**COL DU TOURMALET, France** (AP)—Alberto Contador never wavered.

Under a blistering attack from Andy Schleck, the Spaniard tightened his grip on a third Tour de France title in four years by matching every acceleration his rival threw at him during the ride up a fabled Pyrenean climb in Thursday's 17th stage.

Schleck delivered on his promise to ride well on the last mountain of this year's race. It just wasn't enough to shake Contador.

Schleck set a punishing pace up the last 6 miles on the ascent of the Col du Tourmalet, but the Spaniard shadowed him wheel-to-wheel the whole way. In the end, Schleck won the 108.1-mile trek from Pau by a half bike-length, but failed in his bid to take the yellow jersey from Contador and gain time on his rival ahead of Saturday's time trial.

"I did short accelerations really many times, it was the only possibility I had to try to drop him," Schleck said. "But he was too strong."

The Tourmalet was the last of three tough climbs in the stage made in cool temperatures under a drizzle and fog. Frenzied fans—including some near-streakers—ran alongside the duelists on the ascent, at least once seeming to irk Schleck. On the second climb, the Col du Soudor, a flock of sheep strayed into the road, causing some riders to swerve, brake and stop, though no one crashed.

With only three days of racing left before Sunday's finish in Paris, and two of the stages unlikely to alter the top of the standings, the two men knew that Thursday's leg was crucial.

Schleck had vowed to make an all-out effort.

On the Tourmalet, he repeatedly turned around, at times speaking to Contador or trying to catch his gaze in an attempt at mind games. The Spaniard never took the bait.

"I wanted him to pass, I wanted to be behind and attack him, but of course, he's very smart, and I knew that he only had to stay in my wheel," Schleck said. "I think Alberto did the right thing, he's a great professional."



Alberto Contador of Spain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, holds the mascot on the podium after the 17th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 174 kilometers (108.1 miles) with start in Pau and finish on Tourmalet pass, Pyrenees region, France, Thursday, July 22, 2010.

## Armstrong playing it safe by hiring defense lawyer

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Lance Armstrong says hiring a criminal defense lawyer in the face of a federal investigation for possible fraud and doping violations is merely a matter of protecting himself.

"Obviously, you need some legal counsel on this. ... I wouldn't read anything into it," the seven-time Tour de France champion said after finishing 17th in the 17th stage of this year's race. "I'm 100 percent confident that there will be a satis-

factory resolution for me."

The Texan hired Bryan D. Daly, a former federal prosecutor based in Los Angeles who is a partner at Shepard Mullin Richter and Hampton.

"This is the United States of America. You can't prosecute somebody for something they didn't do—normally," Armstrong said. "But along the way, you've got to protect yourself."

The investigation was spurred by accusations from Floyd Landis, Armstrong's former teammate on

the U.S. Postal team, in a series of e-mails sent to cycling and doping officials this spring.

Armstrong has denied the allegations and questioned Landis' credibility. Landis was stripped of his 2006 Tour title for doping.

"You know, I think anybody involved should have legal protection, and know their rights and know what's truly best for them," Armstrong said. "It's safe to say that I will have representation here, just to be safe."

Every time Schleck made a burst, Contador was right there, dancing lightly side to side up out of his saddle in a smooth rhythm.

Contador did what he needed to, and appeared to slow at the end, leaving Schleck to win his second stage this Tour, in 5 hours, 3 minutes, 29 seconds.

"He was really so strong and at the end, the sprint for me was not the most important thing," said Contador, who finished in the same time to remain in front by 8 seconds. "Today, the most important thing for me was not to lose time."

The wild card now is Saturday's 32.3-mile time-trial, a discipline in which Contador excels. Schleck said before Thursday's stage that he'd need to pick up a minute on Contador to have a chance of victory.

It was a day of scaled-down and revised expectations.

"I changed my mind when I crossed the finish line today," Schleck said. "We will see in the time trial."

"My dad always used to say that the one who did a good time trial, he fell off the bike when he finished," Schleck

said, "and that's what I plan to do on Saturday."

Seven-time champion Lance Armstrong, who finished 4:12 behind the leading duo in 17th place, again revised down his hopes at the Tour.

At the start of the three-week race, the 38-year-old Texan had hoped to be a contender in his last Tour. That aspiration vanished in the debut in the Alps in Stage 8, when crashes slowed him down three times and he lagged in the climbs.

Then, Armstrong began angling for a stage victory.

## Source: Hornets' Paul requests to be traded



**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—Chris Paul has requested to be traded and the New Orleans Hornets have scheduled a meeting with the star guard on Monday, according to a person familiar with the situation.

Paul will sit down with new head coach Monty Williams, new general manager Dell Demps and team president Hugh Weber in New Orleans, the person told The Associated Press on Thursday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not made plans to meet with Paul public, and because Paul has not publicly demanded a trade.

The person also said that Paul, through his representatives, has told the Hornets he would prefer to be dealt to one of only a handful of teams, including the New York Knicks and Orlando Magic.

Paul, 25, cannot opt out of his contract for two years. However, he said at a recent charity golf tournament that he

will be unhappy playing for the Hornets if they fail to demonstrate a commitment to winning immediately.

The only free-agency move the Hornets have made this offseason so far is resigning reserve center Aaron Gray.

The Hornets also have made it clear they have no intention of trading Paul.

Weber said earlier this month, while attending a community service event with Paul, that there was "no question" Paul would be in a Hornets uniform when next season opened. As recently as Tuesday, Weber also said that an exchange of text messages gave him the impression that Paul approved of the recent hirings of Williams and Demps.

After the Hornets came within one game of advancing to the 2008 Western Conference finals, Paul agreed to a four-year, \$68 million extension that went into effect last season includes a player's option for the fourth year.

Since then, however, the Hornets have traded center Tyson Chandler and fired coach Byron Scott, who both were

close with Paul, all while the club's performance went into steady decline.

The Hornets were bounced from the first round of the 2008-09 playoffs, then missed the playoffs entirely last season, during which Paul missed 37 games with three separate injuries.

Earlier this month, Paul cut ties with his basketball and marketing agents at Octagon and joined LRMR Marketing, an agency founded by his close friend and NBA superstar LeBron James.

Meanwhile, the Hornets have made several key changes since June, starting with the hiring of Williams, a former NBA player and first-time head coach. Williams has said Paul's presence on the Hornets' roster was one of the main reasons he wanted to start his head coaching career in New Orleans.

On Wednesday, New Orleans hired Demps, a first-time general manager who was a front-office executive for the past five years at San Antonio. Demps replaced Jeff Bower, who served as both coach and general manager last season after Scott was fired.

## NBA BRIEFS

### Lakers sign free-agent forward Matt Barnes

**EL SEGUNDO, Calif.** (AP)—Matt Barnes is going back to Los Angeles, this time to join the two-time defending NBA champion Lakers. The Lakers announced Thursday they had signed the free-agent forward. Terms were not disclosed. Barnes, a UCLA product who started 58 games last season for Orlando, said earlier this week on his Twitter page that he was headed to Toronto. But the deal fell through, and the Lakers moved in to grab the seven-year veteran. The well-traveled swingman will be joining his eighth NBA team. He has averaged 7.3 points, with a career high of 10.2 for Phoenix during the 2008-09 season.

### Nate Robinson back for full season with Celtics

**BOSTON** (AP)—Nate Robinson joined the Boston Celtics at the trade deadline last season and didn't really do much until the playoffs. Now

His last big chance for that came in Tuesday's 16th stage, but he came up short in a final sprint among breakaway riders to finish sixth.

After Thursday's final mountain day, his expectations came down again. Asked what the chances were now of winning a stage, Armstrong replied: "Slim to none."

He's now focused on making sure his RadioShack squad maintains its lead in the team general classification.

"The most important thing was that we stay ahead in the team GC, and that's what we did," Armstrong said. He's in 23rd place overall - 37:58 behind Contador.

By finishing more than a minute ahead of everybody else, Schleck and Contador gave themselves a cushion for their drive to the Champs-Elysees podium.

They're now poised for the same 1-2 finish they had last year.

While 8 seconds is minimal, it seems Contador would have to have a bad day Saturday, Schleck an incredible one, or the Spaniard would have to crash for the Luxembourger to take the yellow jersey.

"It is possible to lose it at any time. Andy is very strong and you can expect him to do a really good time trial," Contador said. "But the situation today of course is very good."

"I still have to reach Paris, and it won't be easy," he said.

There are strong time-trial riders behind them, but the nearest contender - Euskaltel-Euskadi rider Samuel Sanchez of Spain - isn't considered one of them and he's 3:32 back in third.

Among those to watch will be Denis Menchov, a Russian on the Rabobank squad, who's fourth—21 seconds back of Sanchez. They will be battling for third on the podium, or ready to pounce if Contador or Schleck should falter.

Schleck, who's shown himself adept at fanning race drama, says he shouldn't be counted out yet.

"I'm sure I'll do a good time trial," he said. "I can see the yellow jersey in front of me, and I really want it, and I'm not going to give up until Paris."

In the meantime, sprinters are likely to step up during Friday's 18th stage, a mostly flat 123-mile ride from Salies-de-Bearn to Bordeaux.

he's getting a head start. Robinson re-signed with Boston on a two-year deal reportedly worth \$4 million, giving him a chance to learn the system in training camp instead of picking things up on the go. "I think it will be a good start for me to come in and start from scratch," Robinson said in a conference call with reporters on Thursday, about a week after he announced his new deal on Twitter. "I know most of the plays now. I'll be way more comfortable because I know every set." The NBA's only three-time Slam Dunk Contest champion, Robinson had been languishing with the woeful New York Knicks last season when he was traded to Boston in February and because the Celtics needed a backup point guard for their playoff run. Although he had fallen out of the rotation by the end of the season, he re-emerged in the playoffs with a key contribution in the Eastern Conference finals clincher against Orlando.

# Lackey loses no-hit bid in 8th, Boston wins in 13



## SEATTLE

(AP)—John Lackey came within four outs of a no-hitter, only to watch his Boston Red Sox blow a comfortable lead and cost him a win before beating the Seattle Mariners 8-6 in 13 innings Thursday night.

Seldom-used Eric Patterson doubled home two runs with two outs in the 13th and the Red Sox overcame Seattle's five-run ninth against Manny Delcarmen and closer Jonathan Papelbon.

Josh Bard broke up Lackey's bid for baseball's fifth no-hitter this season on a clean single to right-center with two outs in the eighth. The last-place Mariners then rose up for five runs on three hits and two Boston errors to tie it in the ninth.

## Yankees 10, Royals 4

At New York, Alex Rodriguez hit his 599th home run and Derek Jeter had an inside-the-park shot as the Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals on a strange night in the Bronx.

Jorge Posada had a go-ahead double and a bizarre throwing error that cost New York a run and put Yuniesky Betancourt on second after striking out. But the Yankees rebounded to help CC Sabathia (13-3) win his ninth straight decision.

Rodriguez, who had four RBIs, hit a solo homer to right field in the seventh inning, putting New York ahead 6-4 and leaving him one shy of becoming the seventh major league player to reach 600.

The slugger came up again with a chance for No. 600 in the eighth. He smacked an RBI double and was pulled for a pinch runner.

## Rangers 3, Angels 2

At Arlington, Cliff Lee pitched into the ninth inning to beat fellow All-Star Jered Weaver as Texas edged Los Angeles to give the AL West leaders a six-game lead over the second-place Angels.

Lee (9-4) allowed five hits, struck out four and didn't walk a batter over 8 1-3 innings in his third start since he was acquired from Seattle in a six-player trade July 9. Neftali Feliz got two outs

for his 26th save.

Weaver (9-6) gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings with five strikeouts and two walks.

## Twins 5, Orioles 0

At Baltimore, Carl Pavano pitched a five-hitter for his career-best seventh straight victory for Minnesota.

Pavano (12-6) struck out four and walked one in his fifth complete game of the season and 12th of his career. The right-hander is 7-0 in nine starts since June 3.

Orioles first baseman Ty Wigington, pitching coach Rick Kranitz and interim manager Juan Samuel were all ejected in the seventh inning. It was a rare show of emotion for the team with the worst record in the majors.

## Tigers 5, Blue Jays 2

At Detroit, Miguel Cabrera started a three-run eighth inning with an RBI double and Justin Verlander settled down after a rocky start to go eight innings in Detroit's victory over Toronto.

Verlander (12-5) struggled through the first two innings but ended up allowing two runs and eight hits. He walked two batters in the first but didn't issue another base on balls.

Ricky Romero (7-7) gave up three runs and seven hits in seven-plus innings.

## Phillies 2, Cardinals 0

At St. Louis, the Philadelphia Phillies survived another poor offensive showing with a victory that ended the St. Louis Cardinals' eight-game winning streak and averted a four-game sweep.

Placido Polanco homered leading off the 11th inning. Cole Hamels allowed one hit in eight innings, a solid single by Matt Holliday leading off the fourth. Four relievers, including Chad Durbin (2-1) did not allow a hit over the final three innings to finish the one-hitter.

Brad Lidge worked the 11th for his eighth save in 11 chances.

## Dodgers 2, Mets 0

At Los Angeles, Hiroki Kuroda threw eight outstanding innings and Matt Kemp drove in both runs for Los Angeles.



Boston Red Sox's starting pitcher, John Lackey, in the dugout after he went eighth innings until allowing a hit against the Seattle Mariners during a baseball game in Seattle, on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

It was the Dodgers' second consecutive 2-0 win, having edged San Francisco a night earlier.

The Mets lost their fourth straight. They are scoreless in their last 17 innings after going 24 straight innings without a run last weekend in San Francisco.

Kuroda outpitched countryman Hisanori Takahashi in the sixth major league meeting of starters born in Japan.

## Marlins 3, Rockies 2

At Miami, Ronny Paulino hit the winning single with the bases loaded and none out in the ninth inning to send the Rockies

to their fifth loss in seven games since the All-Star break.

Pinch hitter Emilio Bonifacio hit his first triple of the year to start the bottom of the ninth against Jhoulys Chacin (5-8), and Paulino brought him home after two intentional walks.

Florida's Josh Johnson struck out 11 in 6 1-3 innings and allowed only one run, on a homer by Ian Stewart in the second inning. Johnson lowered his ERA to 1.61, best in the majors.

## Braves 8, Padres 0

At Atlanta, Tim Lincecum dominated San Diego again, while

Alex Gonzalez finished his first homestand in Atlanta with four hits as the Braves rolled to an easy win over the Padres.

Gonzalez had hits in his first four at-bats to give him a streak of hits in six straight at-bats over two games, four shy of the Atlanta record. He struck out in the eighth to end it.

Hudson (10-5) allowed only four hits in seven scoreless innings. He is 5-0 in nine career appearances against the Padres, including two wins this season.

## Nationals 7, Reds 1

At Cincinnati, Adam Dunn hit

a two-run homer off Edinson Volquez, who had a rough time in his second start since elbow surgery as the Nationals earned a four-game series split.

Volquez (1-1) dominated Colorado last Saturday in his return from reconstructive elbow surgery. He had control problems this time, giving up six runs in only 2 1-3 innings.

Livan Hernandez (7-6) allowed seven hits during his second complete game, getting his first victory since June 21. He also singled home a run off Volquez.

## Brewers 3, Pirates 2

At Pittsburgh, Yovani Gallardo came off the disabled list and pitched six shutout innings for Milwaukee.

Prince Fielder and Rickie Weeks both homered for the second time in the series for the Brewers, who allowed a combined 26 runs in losing the previous two games.

Gallardo (9-4), named to his first All-star game the day he sustained a left oblique strain in St. Louis on July 4, did not allow a runner to advance past second base. He gave up five hits and a walk, striking out five.

Gallardo has won nine of his past 11 decisions and improved to 6-1 with a 1.80 ERA with 69 strikeouts in 60 innings in 10 career starts against the Pirates.

John Axford retired the final five Pirates for his 13th save in as many opportunities.

## Giants 3, Diamondbacks 0

At Phoenix, Matt Cain pitched eight sharp innings in a combined three-hitter for San Francisco.

Andres Torres hit a solo homer off Rodrigo Lopez (5-9) and rookie Buster Posey extended his hitting streak to 16 games, helping the Giants (53-43) reach a season-high 10 games over .500 after their 13th win in 17 games.

Cain (8-8) one-hit Arizona on May 28, and was nearly as dominant the second time around, striking out nine. Brian Wilson pitched a perfect ninth for his 27th save in 29 chances and 13th straight.

# Delahoussaye shoots 62 in Canadian Open

**TORONTO** (AP)—Brent Delahoussaye shot an 8-under 62 on Thursday to match the Canadian Open record, making an eagle, seven birdies and a bogey in perfect scoring conditions at historic St. George's.

Delahoussaye, the 29-year-old whose lone professional victory came in the 2006 Hooters Tour Classic, teed off on the ninth hole and played the front nine—his first and last eight holes—in 6-under 28.

Because of logistical problems, the players started on Nos. 1 and 9 instead of the usual first and 10th.

Four other players have shot 62s in the Canadian Open, the first three at Glen Abbey. Leonard Thompson set the mark in 1981, Andy Bean matched it in 1983, both at a par of 71, and Greg Norman did it in 1986, when par was 72.

Hunter Mahan had a 9-under 62 at Angus Glen in 2007.

Delahoussaye, in the last group of the day off the ninth tee, also broke the course record of 64 set by Canadian George Knudson in 1968, the last time the national championship was played at the Stanley Thomp-

son-designed course.

Vance Veazey and Brock Mackenzie opened with 64s, and Mahan, Dean Wilson, Charley Hoffman, Jimmy Walker, Rich Barcelo, Steve Wheatcroft, Spencer Levin, Daniel Chopra and Brian Stuard had 65s.

Delahoussaye, a Q-school graduate making his 14th career PGA Tour start, was 3 under on his first two holes, hitting a 3-iron to 8 feet from 230 yards on the par-5 ninth to set up his eagle and holing a 14-footer on the par-4 10th.



thick, after my practice round."

The 45-year-old Veazey had 27 putts.

"The putter. That was the key ingredient," Veazey said. "This golf course seems to be about putting it in the fairway and on the greens. You have to hit good shots into the greens because they have slope. And I had a lot of good looks with the putter."

Barcelo had nine birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey. He had seven birdies in an eight-hole stretch, including five in a row on Nos. 4-8.

"Today was an extremely fun day to play golf," Barcelo said. "The weather was nice, the golf course was set up great, the fans were fantastic. ... It's refreshing

to see a setup where you have to hit good shots all day long."

Canadian star Mike Weir shot a 72. Struggling with tendinitis in his right arm, the 40-year-old Weir is trying to become the first Canadian winner in 56 years and first Canadian-born champion in 96 years.

"It actually felt a lot better today," Weir said. "I don't want to use an excuse like that. I just didn't play well."

Stephen Ames and Jon Mills topped the 18 Canadians at 67.

"I'm surprised how many good scores there are," said Ames, a naturalized Canadian citizen from Trinidad and Tobago. "But the greens are very receptive."

**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**MLB STANDINGS**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE  
East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	60	34	.638	—
Tampa Bay	57	37	.606	3
Boston	54	42	.563	7
Toronto	48	48	.500	13
Baltimore	30	65	.316	30 1/2

**Central Division**

Chicago	52	42	.553	—
Detroit	50	44	.532	2
Minnesota	51	45	.531	2
Kansas City	41	54	.432	11½
Cleveland	40	55	.421	12½

**West Division**

Texas	56	40	.583	—
Los Angeles	51	47	.520	6
Oakland	48	47	.505	7 1/2
Seattle	37	59	.385	19

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

Atlanta	56	39	.589	—
Philadelphia	49	46	.516	7
New York	49	47	.510	7 1/2
Florida	47	48	.495	9
Washington	42	54	.438	14 1/2

**Central Division**

St. Louis	54	42	.563	—
Cincinnati	53	44	.546	1 1/2
Milwaukee	44	53	.454	10 1/2
Chicago	43	53	.448	11
Houston	39	56	.411	14 1/2
Pittsburgh	34	61	.358	19 1/2

**West Division**

San Diego	55	39	.585	—
San Francisco	53	43	.552	3
Colorado	51	44	.537	4 1/2
Los Angeles	51	45	.531	5
Arizona	37	59	.385	19

**Yesterday's Games**

Florida 3, Colorado 2  
Washington 7, Cincinnati 1  
Atlanta 8, San Diego 0  
Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 0, 11 innings  
Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 2  
San Francisco 3, Arizona 0  
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Mets 0  
Detroit 5, Toronto 2  
N.Y. Yankees 10, Kansas City 4  
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 0  
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 2  
Boston 8, Seattle 6, 13 innings

**CANADIAN OPEN SCORES**

**TORONTO** (AP)—Scores Thursday after the first round of the \$5.1 million Canadian Open at the 7,079-yard, par 70 St. George's Golf and Country Club Course:

**FIRST ROUND**

Brent Delahoussaye	28-34—62	-8
Vance Veazey	30-34—64	-6
Brock Mackenzie	31-33—64	-6
Dean Wilson	30-35—65	-5
Hunter Mahan	31-34—65	-5
Charley Hoffman	32-33—65	-5
Jimmy Walker	32-33—65	-5
Rich Barcelo	30-35—65	-5
Steve Wheatcroft	33-32—65	-5
Spencer Levin	34-31—65	-5
Daniel Chopra	33-32—65	-5
Brian Stuard	30-35—65	-5
Matt Jones	30-36—66	-4
Nicholas Thompson	32-34—66	-4
Bob Estes	33-33—66	-4
Tim Clark	30-36—66	-4
Joe Durant	32-34—66	-4
Greg Chalmers	31-35—66	-4
Troy Merritt	35-31—66	-4
Chris Stroud	32-34—66	-4
Michael Letzig	31-35—66	-4
Jason Bohn	33-33—66	-4
Rob Grube	33-33—66	-4
Retief Goosen	32-35—67	-3
John Huston	33-34—67	-3
Trevor Immelman	32-35—67	-3
Bill Lunde	33-34—67	-3
Mark Hensby	31-36—67	-3
Kevin Na	35-32—67	-3
Ricky Barnes	32-35—67	-3
Stephen Ames	32-35—67	-3
Joe Ogilvie	33-34—67	-3
Briny Baird	31-36—67	-3
Steve Lowery	32-35—67	-3
J.J. Henry	31-36—67	-3
Jon Mills	31-36—67	-3
David Duval	33-35—68	-2
Alex Prugh	33-35—68	-2
Jay Williamson	32-36—68	-2
Camilo Villegas	35-33—68	-2
Ryan Palmer	33-35—68	-2
Nathan Green	32-36—68	-2
Roger Tambellini	33-35—68	-2
Chad Campbell	33-35—68	-2

Tom Pernice, Jr.	32-36—68	-2
Jeev Milkha Singh	33-35—68	-2
Paul Casey	31-37—68	-2
Marco Dawson	33-35—68	-2
James Nitties	32-36—68	-2
Adam Hadwin	31-37—68	-2
Lee Janzen	35-34—69	-1
Kevin Streelman	36-33—69	-1
James Driscoll	33-36—69	-1
Brendon de Jonge	32-37—69	-1
Chris Riley	35-34—69	-1
Chris DiMarco	35-34—69	-1
Mark Wilson	32-37—69	-1
Johnson Wagner	31-38—69	-1
Luke Donald	32-37—69	-1
Justin Bolli	32-37—69	-1
Matt Hill	33-36—69	-1
Jarrod Lyle	33-36—69	-1
Danny Lee	33-36—69	-1
Arjun Atwal	32-37—69	-1
Kent Jones	33-36—69	-1
Brett Quigley	33-36—69	-1
Charlie Wi	33-36—69	-1
Stuart Appleby	33-36—69	-1
John Daly	34-35—69	-1
Ryuji Imada	34-35—69	-1
Steve Flesch	31-38—69	-1
Tom Gillis	31-38—69	-1
Paul Azinger	33-36—69	-1
Chad Collins	35-34—69	-1
D.A. Points	32-38—70	E
Brad Faxon	34-36—70	E
Rocco Mediate	34-36—70	E
Matt Kuchar	33-37—70	E
Scott Verplank	34-36—70	E
Scott McCarron	33-37—70	E
Cliff Kresge	34-36—70	E
Charles Howell III	34-36—70	E
Paul Stankowski	34-36—70	E
Cameron Percy	33-37—70	E
Martin Flores	34-36—70	E
Garth Mulroy	34-36—70	E
Steve Elkington	34-36—70	E
Bryce Molder	33-37—70	E
Webb Simpson	34-36—70	E
Graham DeLaet	34-36—70	E
Bob Heintz	33-37—70	E
Matt Bettencourt	34-36—70	E
Sean O'Hair	35-35—70	E
Blake Adams	32-38—70	E
Tim Herron	32-38—70	E
Lucas Lee	35-35—70	E
Aaron Baddeley	34-36—70	E
Carlos Franco	32-38—70	E
Cameron Tringale	35-35—70	E
Billy Mayfair	34-37—71	+1
Mathias Gronberg	33-38—71	+1
Carl Pettersson	36-35—71	+1
Brenden Pappas	34-37—71	+1
Jonathan Byrd	33-38—71	+1
Kirk Triplett	34-37—71	+1
Chris Wilson	36-35—71	+1
a-Nick Taylor	32-39—71	+1
Matt Every	33-38—71	+1
Jerry Kelly	33-38—71	+1
Glen Day	34-37—71	+1
Andrew McLardy	34-37—71	+1
a-Eugene Wong	33-38—71	+1
Jeff Quinney	35-36—71	+1
Aron Price	32-39—71	+1
a-Cam Burke	35-36—71	+1
Ted Brown	35-36—71	+1
Dave Bunker	34-37—71	+1
Will Wilcox	33-38—71	+1
Omar Uresti	32-40—72	+2
J.P. Hayes	34-38—72	+2
Alex Cejka	33-39—72	+2
David Hearn	36-36—72	+2
Aaron Goldberg	35-37—72	+2
Barrett Jarosch	35-37—72	+2
Todd Hamilton	33-39—72	+2
Craig Bowden	34-38—72	+2
Mike Weir	34-38—72	+2
Josh Teater	35-37—72	+2
Chris Ross	33-39—72	+2
Brandt Snedeker	35-38—73	+3
Craig Barlow	33-40—73	+3
Jeff Gove	36-37—73	+3
Bill Haas	35-38—73	+3
Kevin Stadler	35-38—73	+3
Kevin Johnson	36-37—73	+3
Jerod Turner	34-39—73	+3
Gary Woodland	36-37—73	+3
Woody Austin	35-38—73	+3
Skip Kendall	36-37—73	+3
Kevin Sutherland	34-39—73	+3
Roland Thatcher	34-39—73	+3
Fred Couples	34-39—73	+3
John Mallinger	37-36—73	+3
Jeff Puska	35-38—73	+3
Henrik Bjornstad	34-39—73	+3
David Lutterus	37-37—74	+4
Ben Boudreau	38-36—74	+4
Charles Warren	37-38—75	+5
Robert Gamez	34-41—75	+5
Ted Purdy	36-39—75	+5
Pat Perez	36-39—75	+5
Michael Connell	38-38—76	+6
Jim Rutledge	36-40—76	+6
a-Beon Yeong Lee	38-40—78	+8
Robert Garrigus	WD	
Brian Davis	WD	

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Meyuns Seaplane Ramp. The Ngermid Dock area is the alternate venue for the outrigger canoe competition, which will have 11 events, namely the men's V6 500m sprint, V1 500m sprint, V6 1,500m sprint, V6 20km long distance, and V1 15km long distance and the women's V6 500m sprint, V1 500m sprint, V6 1,500m, V6 15km long distance, and V1 10km long distance.

"Some of our paddlers might compete in the V1 events, so there's also a chance for individual successes. We train four days a week. Our sprints are looking good, but I especially like our chances in the long distance," said Sik-

kel, who picked Guam and Palau as the Commonwealth's tough rivals in the Micro Games.

"They have a well organized outrigger programs and a lot of talent to choose from. We're most familiar with Guam and Palau, but I expect some of the other nations to pull off an upset," Sikkell added.

Palau swept the overall championship in the outrigger canoe competition during the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan, winning six gold medals. The Palauan paddlers ruled the men's and women's marathon and the 500m and 1,500m races. Guam did not field a team in the 2006 Micro Games.

The CNMI claimed bronze medals in the men's marathon and men's

**BROTHERS**

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Washington.

Brothers in Arms is a group of active-duty military soldiers from the CNMI and Guam who are currently stationed in Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Last year, their team participated in the popular CNMI Labor Day tourney for the first time and aspire to compete for a third time before their scheduled deployment at the end of the year.

"The Brothers in Arms live way down in Louisiana and we're trying to raise funds to help them get all the way to the state of Washington for this year's CNMI Labor Day Tournament. It's a good way to show support for our troops and show some thanks for the

sacrifices they make everyday," said fundraising organizer Sonnie Sablan.

A \$150 entrance fee per team with a maximum of 12 teams is allotted for the contest. So far, a handful of teams have already been confirmed on the bracket. NTT Docomo Pacific and Budweiser are sponsoring the weekend softball event.

In addition to Brothers in Arms, managed by Zeze Taitano, five teams from the CNMI are also making the long trip to Kent. The Calikano Falcons, managed by Juan "Teno" Tenorio; Chokechain, with manger Joe Torres; Faha, managed by B.J. Attao; SUFA, with manager Joe Flores; and Team Familia, managed by Rosie De Leon Guerrero are all going stateside to participate against a 26-team pool for CNMI softball bragging rights in September.

**MACARIO**

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Saipan tomorrow, he decided not to compete in the ongoing Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010. He had been to badminton competitions in the past two years, was a member of the CNMI Football Team that competed in the 2009 East Asian Football Championships 2010 Preliminary Competition in Guam last year, was part of the CNMI U14 Team that joined the 2006 Under-14 Youth Festival of Football in Beijing, was the champion in the Inaugural CNMI Children and Youth Chess Tournament in 2002, and played basketball and volleyball for Mt. Carmel School.

He would miss all these sports and the players on Saipan, but he vowed to continue playing football and badminton in the Philippines.

**PBA**

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"Partly, the reason I wanted to study off-island is to excel in these sports. I am hoping to get training or play with strong players in badminton and football in the Philippines," Macario said.

The 18-year-old athlete said since his early years in grade school, his life has evolved in sports.

"I am into sports because they are a great way to exercise and because it's fun to play them. I got different influences in different sports, for basketball my dad and uncle taught me how to dribble and from there I continued. For football, I just love running as a child and football seemed like a fun running sport and I was a chubby kid then, so I thought of football as a way to lose weight," Macario added.

The latest sport Macario got hooked into was badminton.

"Honestly, I thought badminton was a boring sport, but then when I joined their summer youth clinic, I found a

er when Raymond recovered with a 13-pinfall win in Game 2.

Efren Cacdac was the second PBA male kegler to win a division title in the classified tournament after topping Class B against three fellow male bowlers and two lady keglers.

Cacdac, which pocketed the \$300 top purse, ruled the qualifier with his 1,154 pinfalls and went on to reign supreme in the division after slipping past Jared Gutierrez in the finals. The third-seeded Gutierrez, who defeated the second-seeded Joe Sto.Domingo in the stepladder finals, 177-175, won Game 1 of the finals against Cacdac, 178-143. Cacdac the bounced back in Game 2, 200-172, to foil Gutierrez's bid for an upset.

Gutierrez settled for the runner-up finish, while Sto. Domingo finished third. Roger Vales was fourth, followed by Gloria Omechelang and

500m race. Pohnpei won the silver in the men's and women's marathon and 1,500m race, and bronze in the women's 500m race. Yap notched a bronze in the men's 500m race, while Kosrae brought home a silver (women's 500m) and bronze (women's 1,500m).

This year, Palau, Guam, Yap, and Pohnpei all have men's and women's teams, while Kosrae has only a women's squad. The Marshall Islands listed no canoe teams in its delegation.

The CNMI paddlers will travel to Palau for the Micro Games on Aug. 3, leaving them with less than two weeks more to put the finishing touches on their preparation for the quadrennial meet.

"The team is ready and looking forward to compete," Sikkell said.

Back in 2004, the CNMI Labor Day tourney started out with only four teams in its first year, but its popularity has grown ever fast from year to year. Each year, more and more CNMI citizens, who now live in the mainland, have learned about the event through word of mouth and modern networking technology.

"Every year this softball tourney in the states brings CNMI culture together to one common place while promoting healthy competition. I would love to help the Brothers in Arms team get a chance to be part of that experience before they are deployed later this year," added Sablan.

For more information about the local Brothers in Arms tournament or to donate, contact Sonnie Sablan at 483-2420 or email sonnie808@yahoo.com.

new and amazing sport to play. With badminton, I also developed a special bond with my friends. My friends, Alfred Acosta, James Digno, Keno San Pablo, Andreau Galvez, and even my brother Zeke, we all started in the same year and we developed a friendly competition. Having a friendly rivalry influenced me to continue playing and practicing," the MCS graduate said.

Macario said he will miss his friends' company and the people who encouraged him to do his best in every game.

"I will miss all my friends, coaches, and even the rivalries I had with them. I have a lot of people to thank for I would have not been where I am now if not for them. My dad, mom and my brother play badminton and I would miss having them around. I would miss Tita Merlie and Tita Elna because they join me in playing football and in badminton," Macario said.

Gigi Zapanta.

In the Class C division, Benjie Cruz took the championship trophy and \$250 cash prize after beating Jerry Hibi in the finals, 155-142. Cruz was the top finisher in the qualifying roll-off with his 985 pinfalls, while Hibi placed third with 940 pinfalls. Paul Bea notched the second qualifying slot with his 960 pinfalls, but lost to Hibi in the step-ladder finals, 149-166.

Bea dropped to third, followed by Rene Carioso and Lala Taitano.

In the team event of the 42nd PBA-Budweiser Saturday Night Bowling League, Fiesta Resort & Spa was awarded the championship trophy and \$640 cash prize.

Also receiving trophies and cash prizes were runner-up SBC/J's Restaurant, third placer Salbahe, fourth placer Terminator 2, and fifth placer Team Mobil.



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Members of the CNMI Outrigger Canoe Team pose for a group photo before their training session in the waters off Kilili Beach last Thursday.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

## CNMI paddlers: We're in it to win it

Editor's note: This is the second article of a series of 11 that will feature CNMI teams set to compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

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The CNMI Men's Outrigger Canoe Team is settling for no less than Top 3 finishes in its events in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau next month.

"We're in it to win it. The CNMI should medal in the canoeing events. I expect us to be in the Top 3 in all events we

are competing in and of course we like the gold best," team captain Richard Sikkel said.

Joining Sikkel on the team are Gilbert Birn- brich, Jason Tarkong, Eric Deleon Guerrero McDuff, Jesse Camacho Santos, David Barnhouse, Jr., Peter Michael Tenorio, Eldred San-

"Tia de Prerii"



chez, and James Sirok. Birn- brich and Sirok are the team manager and race official, respec- tively, but they are also eligible to race in the outrigger canoe com- petition in Palau.

Outrigger canoe races will be held on Aug. 6 and 7 from the

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## Brothers in Arms Fundraiser tourney set

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The Brothers in Arms softball team will be holding a fundraising tournament from Aug. 13 to 15 at the Capital Hill Ball Field to help the raise funds to compete in the upcoming 6th Annual CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament.

The CNMI Labor Day Soft- ball Tournament is set from Sept. 3 to 5 at the Russell Road Sports Complex in Kent,

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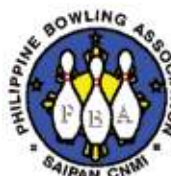
Members of the Brothers in Arms softball team pose for a photo at last year's CNMI Labor Day Soft- ball Tournament in San Diego, California.

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## PBA Classified tourney winners feted

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The Philip- pine Bowl- ing Asso- ciation feted the winners of the three divisions of the 2010 PBA- Budweiser Classified Tourna- ment last Sunday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

In the Class A division,  
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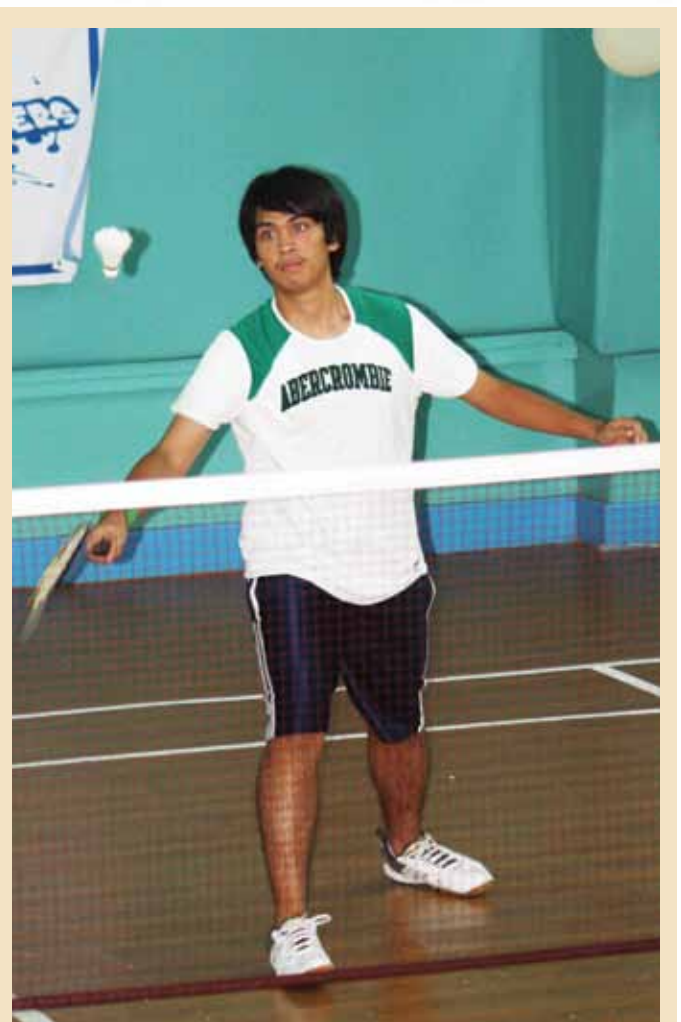
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Daniel Macario in action during a badminton team tournament last year at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

## Macario brings burgeoning athletic skills to Philippines

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Multi-sports athlete Daniel Macario will bid Saipan goodbye tomorrow, as he heads to the Phil- ippines to continue his studies and test the waters of the RP sports community.

"I'll be heading to the Phil- ippines on July 25, Sunday

morning to take exams in various schools. I'm plan- ning on taking up IT or Com- puter Engineering or possibly nursing and I am looking into tak- ing exams at De La Salle, College of Saint Benilde, Letran, and Uni- versity of Santo Tomas," Macario said.

With Macario leaving  
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